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**Charity Cup
at Wembley
screened last
Saturday night
on SBS-TV**

Ian Rush of Liverpool wins the ball in the face of Manchester United opponent Paul Ince. The English Charity Shield clash between the giant clubs went 1-1 at Wembley Stadium.

NSL signings are imminent

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NSL clubs are desperately seeking top line players to strengthen their squads with the 1990/91 summer season only six weeks away.

Sydney Croatia manager Tony Vrzi-na made a bid for

free-scoring Victorian, Andy Humble of joint-leaders Croydon City, but he has refused to move.

The club has lost Graham Arnold to Roda JC of Holland, and Mark Jones and David Seal to Marconi.

Some overseas

signings from Croatia are on the cards.

Sydney Olympic, the dynamic 1989/90 NSL champions, are seeking to recover top strikers Alistair Edwards and Abbas Saad following their on loan temporary transfer to Singa-pore.

Saad has received offers from Malaysia (see John Economos' feature Page 15).

Singapore has offered Olympic \$40,000 for Edwards, but there is

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Last ditch Victorian reform

BY GREG BLAKE

A document regarded by many as the most important in Victorian Soccer history could be the life-line to the game's ultimate survival in this state.

The document is a reform proposal which will be put to member clubs for a vote at a VSF Special General Meeting on 17 September.

Despite previous failed attempts to form a Victorian 'super league' with the backing of member clubs, the VSF is pressing ahead with what can be considered a last-chance effort to dramatically reform the game down south with the best interests of all its club at heart.

Unless the member clubs see fit to support this final proposal the chances are that the Australian Soccer Federation will step in, at the request of the VSF, to implement its own changes which

could still see a 'super league' in Victoria but a league which would exclude the main body of clubs in this state.

VSF officials see that the support of this final proposal as select few, as would be the case should the ASF intervene.

Completed by George Wallace and Terry Jones, this final re-structuring proposal breaks new ground as well as encompassing many of the basic prin-

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VICTORIA

Heidelberg's Angie Goutzoulis in action against Croydon City. — Photo: JOE MONTE-MURRO

NEW SOUTH WALES



Rockdale Ilinden on the ball at right in their shock 5-1 NSW State League victory over Sydney Macedonia at Jensen Park — Photo: STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.

FIFA settles Oceania/Olympic Games matches

BY TED SIMMONS OF AAP



Ian Gray heads the ball way from a Torpedo Moscow opponent earlier this year at the Sydney Football Stadium.

AUSTRALIA has won an important victory in determining the dates for the Oceania qualifying rounds for the 1992 Barcelona Olympic games.

The international body FIFA has ruled the matches must be played between November 1 this year and March 31, 1992 on a home and away basis. Australian Soccer Federation secretary Alan Vessey said that Australia had gained

agreement from Papua New Guinea and Fiji to hold the matches next May.

"New Zealand is also in the group and it's now a matter of deciding the actual dates," said Vessey.

"The issue has been placed on the agenda for the Oceania executive meeting at Nadi in Fiji on September 7."

Vessey said the ASF had selected the date based on matches arranged for the Australian Olympic team and the National League summer competition.

"We're still waiting on word from the Soviet Union on the suggestion they play two matches against Australia in November," he said.

"The Soviet team, which won the Seoul Olympic gold medal, will be touring the United States and we've asked them to either go there through Asia and Australia or return home through the two areas.

"At that stage, our Olympic players will be taking part in the National League and should be really match fit by the time of the Oceania qualifying matches."

If Australia wins Oceania, it will face a second round match against a team from Europe.

Israel, which had previously been part of the Oceania Confederation, has been placed in Group Eight in Europe with Sweden, Greece and Cyprus.

Winners of the eight groups will play off for four spots at Barcelona, while the fifth team will be matched against the Oceania champion for the remaining place.

Paul Wade's big chance

BY MICHAEL SZKUDLAREK



PAUL WADE

POPULAR South Melbourne midfielder Paul Wade has come back from a serious injury to captain Australia for its current In-

donesian tour.

Wade has the background to succeed, with his driving spirit, backed up by the experience gained during his past 32 international appearances in the

green and gold.

He gained the appointment after Graham Arnold's sudden departure to sign a two year contract with Dutch club Roda.

Arnold's former club, Sydney Croatia, is believed to be receiving \$120,000 for the quick moving striker, who has been capped on 35 occasions for his country.

Arnold said: "I'm sorry to miss out on captaining Australia following Charlie Yankos' retirement, but my big chance came to play in Europe."

"My contract allows me to play for the Socceroos in World Cup games as well as in full internationals."

Marconi defender Gary van Egmond is also with Roda.

Both he and Arnold will be in Holland until the league breaks for a Christmas recess.

Czubala v Kelly

I have read recently about the "welcome dinner" for Jim Kelly at the Master Builders Club in Wollongong.

This caused my mind to slip back to the day of his arrival in 1961.

Kelly was brought straight from the airport to Drummoyne Oval where he, as captain of the South Coast United team, met me in the middle of the park as an opposing captain of the Polonia Northside team.

In the next 90 minutes I had the pleasure of admiring his skill and his leadership ability and was grateful for his jetlag, as I ended on the winning side.

Disappointed in defeat, Jim as a real gentleman congratulated us on the win, and sportingly praised our team style and especially enquired about "Little Joe" Galeczka, soon afterwards a Polish international.

Our team of that year consisted of such players as Stan Sklarek, Johnny Wong, Pilot, Ringland, Boland, Varglien, and had recorded a 5-1 win over Apia, and inflicted the first defeat in 18 months on the famous Sydney Prague team which included Ron Lord, Walter Tamandl, Les Scheinflug, the Ninas brothers, Andy Saghi etc.)

It's now nearly 30 years later and the place the organisers chose to present him to us is the ballroom of the Master Builders Club — my "home ground" for the last 23 years in that I play there every week in the Bridge Club.

It would be nice to meet him again, and it would really add to the coincidence if he plays duplicate bridge and accepts my invitation to participate in a local tournament during his holiday here.

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Drug test officials raid Olympic team

BY DIEGO DE NICOLA

DRUG testing entered the arena of Australian soccer when the entire Olympic Games touring party for Europe were raided by the medicos.

The test took place at the Australian Institute of Sport during their last training session prior to leaving for Europe last week.

It was the first time that an Australian team in any sport had undergone testing before going away on an overseas tour.

Australian national coach Eddie Thomson commented on the drug testing: "We had been in camp one day when the medical officials arrived and said they were going to carry out drug testing on the team."

"I was quite happy with their decision and have every confidence in the players."

Under the new Olympic Games rules, national teams are re-



EDDIE THOMSON

stricted to players under the age of 23.

This move forced the Australian Soccer Federation to come up with a fourth national team to join the Socceroos and the Under 20 and Under 17 sides.

Thomson said the tour begins a long range plan for Australia to gain a place in the finals of 1992 Olympics at Barcelona.

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Aussies hit European high spots

BY LOU GAUTIER

WITH so many Australians now playing in Europe, ASW will be bringing readers occasional updates on how the expatriate contingent is faring.

With the ever increasing exodus of Aussies abroad there will be plenty to write about.

Just to refresh your memory, here are some of the Australians based in Europe:

Frank Farina, Eddie Krncevic, David Mitchell, Robbie Slater, Mark Bosnich, Jason Kearton, David Oldfield, Tony Dorigo, Sean Lahiff, Jim Patikas, Terry Patalis, Lou Hristodoulou, Chris Kalantzis, Jason Polak, Lou Bekiaris, Jason Polak, George Haniotis, Vlado Bozinovski, Alf Lasen, Chris Bradley, Roman Nikolic, Andrew Glucina, Gary van Egmond, Graham Arnold, Zlatko Arambasic and John Anastasiadis.

This week's update catches up with a few of those mentioned above.



DAVID MITCHELL

★ **JIM PATIKAS** is enjoying a successful pre-season in Greece with AEK. Patikas has scored freely in trial matches.

★ **GRAHAM ARNOLD** made his

Dutch First Division debut on Saturday. Arnold has big boots to fill in his new side, Roda JC, as he is being groomed to replace the club's star player, Dutch World Cup striker Henk Fraser, who has been sold to Feyenoord.

★ **GARY VAN EGMOND**, also with Roda, did not play last weekend, but was on the bench as a member of the 15-player first team squad.

★ **FRANK FARINA** competed with FC Brugge in a four-team international tournament in Holland over the weekend in which Ajax, PSV Eindhoven and West German side Duisburg also participated.

Although the Belgian season started last weekend, FC Brugge only kick off on August 29.

Having supplied four players to Belgium's World Cup squad, they have been given an additional two-week rest period.

Brugge, however, will play a first round Belgian Cup tie on August 25.



GRAHAM ARNOLD — already a valuable first team player for Roda JC in Holland.

★ **EDDIE KRNCVIC**, who celebrated his 30th birthday 10 days ago with a barbecue attended by all the Aussies now based in the low countries and France, and also Fred de Jong, now with Fortuna Sittard, of Holland, makes his Belgian league debut for FC Liege today (Wednesday) against Ghent.

The game had to be postponed a week because renovations to Liege's stadium had yet to be completed.

★ **ZLATKO ARAMBASIC** has played three half-games in

Mechelen's first team in pre-season exhibitions.

He is fitting in nicely, but competition for starting positions is fierce and it may be a while before he is ready for a starting berth.

★ **ROBBIE SLATER** has yet to score for his French Second Division side Lens who won away at Saint Seurin.

A win against Beauvais at home this week would put Lens, located near the Belgian border, within striking distance of leaders Red Star Paris.

Hot for Roos in Indonesia

Australia's first two matches in the Jakarta tournament — against Malaysia and Indonesia B — were played too late for inclusion in this issue of ASW but we will bring you full coverage in next's week paper.

The organisers certainly made it tough for the Australians as they had to play two games in two days, on Monday and Tuesday, while Indonesia A and B got a two-day break between games.

The Roos' matches are scheduled for the early and late evening in high humidity and heat.

The transition has been very difficult as the tourists trained in Canberra in below zero temperature before

arriving in Jakarta where it's been in the high 30s.

Coach Les Scheinflug, deputising for Eddie Thomson, in Europe with the Olympic squad, has his players training a solid hour in the searing morning heat to give them a mental boost when they play their tournament games in the relatively cooler evening conditions.



Top SBS-TV line-up

SBS Television will screen a special series of retrospective World Cup reruns of the six best matches from Italia '90, followed by a 90-minute special documentary on the tournament entitled "Italia '90 — The Event."

The series will run over seven consecutive Sunday afternoons, each starting at 4pm, half an hour earlier in Adelaide.

The details are as follows:

- Sunday, August 6: Italy v Czechoslovakia.
- September 2: West Germany v Holland.
- September 9: South Korea v Australia (live from Seoul; also the first match between the two countries on Thursday, September 6 from Seoul at 10pm).
- September 16: England v Belgium.

- September 23: England v Cameroun.

- September 30: West Germany v England.

- October 7: Italy v England.

- October 14: "Italia '90: The Event".

This week's "World Soccer", at 5.30pm on Saturday, will feature a replay of last

weekend's Charity Shield match between Liverpool and Manchester United and on September 1, you'll see the Belgian Super Cup between last season's league champions FC Brugge and cup holders FC Liege with Aussies Frank Farina and Eddie Krncevic both involved.

— LOU GAUTIER

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Wollongong Macedonia held by Berries

WOLLONGONG Macedonia maintained their position at the top of the State League 1st Division competition, despite being held to a 0-0 draw by Canterbury Marrickville at Brandon Park.

In what was a very tough and physical game of soccer, chances were very few for both sides.

Wollongong Macedonia, who were missing three regular members of their side, found the Canterbury

players in a very aggressive frame of mind as they did not give the Illawarra side any room to move when they were on the ball.

The best chances fell for Wollongong in the opening ten minutes when Adam Sandy and Graeme Fletcher had good opportunities to score — however their shots finished off target.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Wilson, Cavanah, Dimov, Martin Bourke, Cabassi, Kay, Sandy, Matthew Bourke, Morley, Fletcher, Thornthwaite.

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE: Pupovac, Adamov, Hantzis, J. Radman (Dounas),

Kalogeras, Godzik, Divljak, Lardis, Melissourgos (Sentas), Oustambadis.
REFEREE: R. Lorenc.
— DAVID COOPER

Two to Glenn Jeffery

A thoroughly compelling game at Cromer Park went the way of the home side, North Shore United, 2-1 over Sydney Croatia.

All the goals came in the first half, but there was action at both ends throughout.

North Shore found Manis Lamond the most tricky customer and had to work hard to control the midfield, which efforts earned them a valuable share of play.

It was the best that has been seen of North Shore to date and with points vital to their cause they had to give 100 per cent for a full ninety minutes.

North Shore defender Pat Crookes almost gave his side a fourth minute lead when he headed on a Chris Bradley corner, which needed a small deflection to beat the keeper, but instead went harmlessly wide.

Eleven minutes later, however, North Shore took the lead.

Lee Sutherland, one of the cleverest deliverers of a long range free kick, sent the ball into the box where target-man Glenn Jeffery was able to turn nicely and slam it, aided by a deflection, into the bottom left corner of the net.

Croatia was always in the game and made it an excellent contest. John Pillemer testing Michael Blanco in the 30th with a drive which the 'keeper turned round the post.

In the 41st North Shore got a second goal, not long after Aaron Ferguson had headed just wide from a cross by Neal Hunter.

It was from another free kick lofted to the near post by Sutherland and Jeffery climbed well to judge his glancing header to perfection.

As time began to run out at the end of the first half, Croatia struck, when a cross-field pass was intercepted by Robert Stanton who found Manis Lamond lurking just outside the area.

Lamond was perilously close to being in an offside position, but deftly went past the last defender and the goalie before pulling one back for Croatia in facing an empty net.

Zeljko Kalac had to be at his best to deprive Chris Bradley of his First Division ice-breaking goal.

Neal Hunter put Bradley through only to see the keeper push the shot wide for a corner.



Marconi — Wollongong City 1-1



DAVID COOPER



zo, whose first time shot crashed into the back of the net.

Marconi had the chance to seal a win in the dying stages when

Dall'este found Okon with a nice touch which put him in the clear.

With only the keeper to beat, Okon pushed his shot wide of the goal.

MARCONI: Schwarzer, Car-

MARCONI moved further away from the bottom of the NSW State League ladder when they fought out a 1-1 draw Wollongong City at Marconi Stadium.

Although Marconi had the majority of play in the match, in true Wollongong style the visitors fought right to the end to earn a point.

The crucial part of the game came in the five minute period before half-time when both sides found the net.

Marconi were first to score when Surjan scored direct from a 20 metre free kick, which curled around the wall and into the top right hand corner, giving goalkeeper Bouhoutos no chance.

Then with a minute to go before half-time, Wollongong received a free kick on the right which was crossed into the centre.

In the scramble the ball fell to John Dan-



Clean but determined tackling characterised last Sunday's Sydney Macedonia — Rockdale clash. — Photo by STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.



Rockdale Ilinden — masters on the day. — Pic: STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.

NSW Composite Tables

1ST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong Mac	12	8	4	0	26	13	20
St George	13	7	4	2	28	14	18
Canberra	11	7	3	1	29	10	17
Sutherland Shire	12	6	5	1	22	10	17
Sydney Macedonia	11	7	2	2	19	11	16
BHP Austral	11	5	3	3	12	8	13
Warringham	12	6	1	5	16	13	13
Wollongong City	13	6	1	6	21	23	13
Rockdale Ilinden	11	5	2	4	15	11	12
Sydney Croatia	12	4	4	4	21	19	12
Avala	12	5	2	5	23	23	12
Canterbury	13	3	5	5	15	22	11
Blacktown City	12	4	2	6	19	20	10
Polonia	11	2	4	5	8	11	8
North Shore Utd	12	3	2	7	10	26	8
Marconi	12	2	2	8	10	29	6
Inter Monaro	11	1	2	8	9	23	4
Sydney Olympic	11	1	0	10	9	26	2

UNDER 19

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Warringham	12	8	2	2	26	18	18
Sydney Macedonia	12	6	4	2	27	17	16
Avala	12	7	2	3	22	14	16
Blacktown City	12	7	2	3	19	11	16
Wollongong City	13	7	2	4	15	15	16
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Sydney Macedonia	11	5	2	4	20	15	12
Polonia	11	4	4	3	14	10	12
St George	13	3	6	4	16	21	12
BHP Austral	10	3	5	2	16	12	11
North Shore Utd	11	4	2	5	17	17	10
Sutherland Shire	12	3	3	6	15	17	9
Canterbury	13	3	2	8	15	29	8
Sydney Olympic	11	3	1	7	14	23	7
Rockdale Ilinden	10	2	0	8	11	19	4
Marconi	13	0	2	11	17	41	2

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no chance that the Australian champions will want to do business.

Meanwhile the NSL is stuck in a grove over release of the NSL draw.

General manager Peter Russell said: "It will be a few weeks yet.

"We have to take into account the possibilities that clubs such as Adelaide Hellas, Heidelberg and Wollongong Macedonia could win places.

"This affects the home and away draws for their cities."

Meanwhile some enterprising NSL clubs are finding it difficult to fit in their season's promotion plans.

NSW

WED AUG 22

Waverley v South Dists (1st grade) Sydney Athletic Field 7pm, Lemnos Allstars v Pt Hacking, Seymour Shaw.

THURS AUG 23

Mt Druitt v Dulwich Hill Popondetta Park 6.30pm, 8.15pm. Hills Utd v West Wand first grade Fred Caterson 7pm.



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SATURDAY AUGUST 25

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

St George	v	Sutherland Shire	St George Stadium
Canterbury	v	Polonia	Arlington Oval

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Central Coast	v	Fairfield City	Pluim Park
Gladesville H'by	v	Manly Warringah	Christie Park
Orange Waratah	v	Rosebery	Waratah Sports Grd

FEDERATION LEAGUE 3

Bankstown	v	Bathurst	Jensen Park
Uni of NSW	v	Cyprus United	Little Bay Oval
Concordia	v	Nth Ryde RSL	TBA

SUNDAY AUGUST 26

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

Sydney Olympic	v	Warringham	St George Stadium
Avala	v	Rockdale Ilinden	Melita Stadium
Canberra Croatia	v	Sydney Macedonia	Deakin Oval
Wollongong City	v	BHP Austral	Brandon Park
Marconi — bye			

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Sydney Croatia	v	Wollongong Mac	Croatian Sports Centre
Nth Shore United	v	Blacktown City	postponed
Inter Monaro — bye			

DIVISION 2

Campbelltown Vik.	v	Rosebery	Bensley Road
Dulwich Hill	v	Orange Waratah	Arlington Oval
Fairfield City	v	Mt Druitt	Knight Park
Auburn Yugal	v	Sth Districts	Mona Park

FEDERATION LEAGUE 3

Mt Pritchard	v	Uni of NSW	Mt Pritchard
Bankstown	v	Hills Utd	Jensen Park
Cyprus United	v	Port Hacking	TBA
Cant & Dists	v	Lemnos Allstars	Mackie Park

All games kick-off 3pm with U19 at 1pm, with BHP Austral 2.30pm and 12.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

See State League action this week!

Rockdale Ilinden's scintillating display

BY PAUL GOODWIN

THE Macedonian derby at Jensen Park on Sunday looked headed for a not her straightforward Sydney Macedonia win when Scott Gilbert took advantage of a Billy Pilovski long ball out of defence and lobbed his shot

Avala squanders chances

BY DAVID COOPER

AVALA recorded its first win in eight weeks when they defeated cellar dweller Sydney Olympic 1-0 in a fiery clash at Melita Stadium.

The game was marred by some fierce challenges which resulted in six yellow cards being handed out and the sending off of Olympic's young forward Ari Triantatylou.

The game started off on a bright note though, with both sides having good chances to score early.

Olympic had the best chance when from a corner, Avala failed to clear properly and in the scramble for the ball an Olympic player headed onto the post only to rebound back out and then be cleared off the line and out to safety.

From the start the game looked like it could be a high scoring match but the first and only goal came in the sixth minute, when Ivastanin was put through. As he rounded Olympic's goalkeeper, Gary Meir, he was brought down inside the box for a penalty. Peter Berry had no trouble with the penalty kick, sending Meier the wrong way.

However this was when the open football stopped as the referee was repeatedly having to stop play for fouls permitted by both sides.

Sydney Olympic's chances of getting back into the game were given a dent when their young striker, Triantatylou, was sent from the field after a late challenge on Berry.

From here on in, Avala had most of the play and should have scored three or four more goals.

However bad final touches, poor finishing and some good goalkeeping by Meier kept Olympic in there with a chance right up until the final whistle.

AVALA: Rodic, Vrankovic, Basic, Benitez, Ashton, Berry, Meades, Vasic, Fitzharris, Ivastanin (Mekie), Welch.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, L. Triantatylou, Fondas, Plataniotis, Hagan, Palegias, Lardis, A. Triantatylou, Araujo, Chilas, Cardozo.

REFEREE: Boyd McGregor.



Sydney Macedonia watches as Rockdale comes away with the football — Photo by STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.

over the advancing Keith Warren in the third minute.

Rockdale replied in the 15th and went on to win 5-1 for by far their best results of the season.

Greg Lerond outsped his full-back opponent on the left wing and squared the ball to Bruno Beddoni

who was able to go round last defender Pilovski and score from an acute angle.

Beddoni tapped in one of an abundance of crosses from Lerond on the day, to give his side a 35th minute lead and completed a hat-trick in the 51st.

Poric's winner

DESPITE long periods of territorial advantage, Polonia was unable to find the net and went down to a 55th minute goal for St George by talented Adam Poric.

Poric was able to deliver a glancing header at the near post when a corner was swung over from the right and all the efforts that the home side could muster before or after amounted to nothing.

Andrew Prentice in the St George goal did some good work, pushing a David Beamer shot around the post in the 57th and saving from Marshall Soper at point blank range in the 85th.

But it was Polonia's inept finishing that was the main factor in the continuing goal famine the Plumpton side is having nowadays.

Soper was going about things in business-like fashion, but some over-elaborate work in the box proved unproductive.

In the third minute he received the ball in from Rodney Sepping and attempted a scissors kick which saw the ball clear the bar. He tried the same trick in the 33rd, this time putting his shot past the post.

Sepping was making his first full appearance and made a good impression, hitting the side netting when a Jarek Nowicki shot was only parried by Prentice in the 28th.

He also set up Soper

A Markovski free kick was headed back at the far post by Stuart Porter and Beddoni headed in from a few metres.

Before that Lerond had robbed an advancing Mark Reveley and put Peter Willis through with the former Wollongong City player doing everything right and chipping the ball over Avellino.

To round things off nicely, Porter was on hand to tap in after a 30 metre drive by Markovski had bounced awkwardly for Avellino and rebounded in front of the unhappy 'keeper.

A big crowd, as expected, was on hand to see a game pumped up on radio 2EA as a likely Sydney Macedonia success and the 1,500 or so certainly got a feast of goals, if not a popular home win.

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Cakovski (Souris 46), Baillie, Pilovski, Reveley, Arcosa, Fernandez, Kotsias, Gilbert, Spirovski, Kadric.

ROCKDALE-ILINDEN: Warren, Wilson, Segreto, Ralevski, Buchanan, Willis, Markovski, Lerond, Campbell, Beddoni, Porter.

REFEREE: Gary Power.



Suspended animation at Jensen Oval. A 1,500 crowd saw the Sydney Macedonia — Rockdale Ilinden derby. — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.

Newcastle-Canberra ends up a fizzer

BY PAUL GOODWIN

NEWCASTLE BHP Austral soccer supporters turned up at Austral Park on Saturday expecting to see the 'game of the season' against title contenders Canberra Croatia, but all they got was one big scoreless yawn.

Many spectators left before the end of this no-frills contest, an indictment on the quality of play, which never got above the mundane.

Dean McWhirter did clear a Ray Junna shot off the line in the fifth minute and both goalkeepers did all that was expected of them, but neither side could produce that little bit extra.

Mike Boogaard headed wide in the ninth for BHP Austral and Milan Miletic brought out a reflex save from Peter Gunning in the 23rd after intercepting a stray Canberra pass.

The visitors had a shot by Serena over the bar, and long range efforts by Jason Dunn and George Kulscar dealt with by Carter with little difficulty.

The sweetest move of the game ended with an easy Gunning save.

David Jones worked down the left touchline, put Miletic in for a cross at the byline and at the far post Brett Porter nodded back for Bobby Naumov to have the goalbound shot.

Naumov was effectively silenced by Peter Mazis and thus the usual productivity in midfield by Australs was missing, while David Bowen made life a misery for Alan Reis who never got a sniff at goal all afternoon.

Substitute Simon Brandt should have done better in the last minute, but like his colleagues was off target



when in a direct confrontation with

Gunning.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, McWhirter, Jones, Boogaard, Tredinnick, Bowen, Naumov (Brandt 85), Bailey, Ironside, Miletic (Caimakamis 65), Porter.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Vanzetti, Marcina, Dunn, Young, Kulscar (Ravenello 85), Dukic (Prezelina 51), Junna, Serina, Reis, Mazis.

REFEREE: Bob Davies.



Ouch! A Rockdale Ilinden has a few well chosen words during their 5-1 win. — Pic: STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.

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Dulwich Hill's hopes slim

DULWICH HILL needed to beat Manly Warringah at Cromer Park on Wednesday night to stay in the premiership race and this they did, although they got a fright from the home side before securing a 2-0 victory.

Peter Dameski did some nice work before slipping the ball in the path of the promising Steve Karavatakis in the tenth minute. Growing in confidence with every game, Karavatakis had little difficulty putting the ball past Warwick Tingle for the opener.

Tom Gavin hit the post after a Mark Butler free kick had deflected off the wall in the 28th, a Butler diving header was pushed desperately onto the post by Kevin Farrar in the 36th, and Gary Edmont again hit the bar for Manly in the 42nd before Gavin's follow up shot was saved.

That was as close as Manly came, but Farrar was certainly needed before the break.

Dameski made some good runs down the left flank in the second half and crossed twice from the byline with only a touch needed to make it 2-0.

Dennis Duarte was nicely placed to seize on a rebounded clearance from Tingle in the 72nd, putting Karavatakis in for his team's second and with it the match.

Gladesville-Hornsby overcame an early setback against Waverley at Christie Park to share the spoils 2-2.

After Avi Ronan had opened the scoring for

Waverley, Justin Young equalised for the home side and Angelo Raguz gave them the lead, before Ronen brought Waverley level again near the end to deprive the 'Mitre 10 Bears' of a double.

Auburn Yugal beat Rosebery 2-1 at the Athletic Field on Thursday night. Paul Pette-non in the 12th and Vlado Zoric in the 17th were Yugal's scorers, while Rosebery replied in the 72nd through Matis.

Waverley repeated their midweek scoreline when they tackled Manly at Waverley Oval and it was another storming finish that earned them a point, having been two goals down initially.

Tom Gavin got a brace of goals, his first for some time, but Ronen and Barry Walker wiped those out and both sides shared the spoils.

Auburn-Yugal defeated Campbelltown 2-1 at Bensley Road after getting in front in the 12th minute.

Steve Wilson crossed for Zoran Beluzic who squeezed the ball inside the post under challenge from Dave Nichols.

The Vikings drew level in the 25th after a good team build up which led to a Ray Carney cross and a nice Sep Disch turn in the box to slam the ball past Rosario Pinto.

Michael Apanian got Yugal's winner in the 75th and 'The Blues' now must face Southern Districts, who are only three points away from the title and will anticipate two of them at the weekend.

Districts came away from Central Coast with a 2-0 win and it was defender John Gregson who put them ahead in the 15th from a Aytec Genc corner and Leo Ulloa who made sure in the 80th when he beat the offside trap.

Dulwich Hill, meanwhile, found Rosebery a tough nut under new coach Ron Gogic at Arlington Oval and could do no better than a 0-0 draw, leaving themselves with even slimmer title prospects.

Mount Druitt figured in an exciting and enjoyable match at Garside, running out 3-2 winners over Granville Chile.

An own goal, after a Cristian Castro shot, put the home side one up and Wayne Farnsworth ran onto a Craig Smith pass to level in the 44th.

Two minutes after the restart John White converted a penalty after Farnsworth was brought down, but Andy Ferris shot Granville back on equal terms in the 51st.

Finally Farnsworth sealed it up in the 70th from John White's through ball and the points went west.

Gladesville-Hornsby have really struck form and plucky Orange chose the wrong day to visit Christie Park.

Rick Giometti put the 'Mitre 10 Bears' one up inside 2 minutes and the side went on to win 9-0, with the Waratahs fighting all the way.

A hat-trick for Graeme Williamson, two for Jeff Kelly and the rest for Neil Maxwell, Rolf Ramisch and Angelo Raguz showed how much Gladesville have lifted in recent weeks.

Petersham became one of the few teams to bring a win away from Knight Park when they defeated Fairfield 2-1.

David Batten made a solo effort in the 12th and lobbed the 'keeper in the 63rd, before Alessandro Nario pulled one back from the spot in the 87th.

RESULTS

Manly Warringah 0 Dulwich Hill Madeira 2 (Karavatakis 2), Gladesville Hornsby 2 (Young, Raguz) Waverley 2 (Ronen 2), Rosebery Portugal 1 (Matis) Auburn Yugal 2 (Pette-non, Zoric), Waverley 2 (Ronen, Walker) Manly-Warringah 2 (Gavin 2), Central Coast 0 Southern Districts 2 (Gregson, Ulloa), Campbelltown Vikings 1 (Disch) Auburn-Yugal 2 (Beluzic, M. Apanian), Gladesville-Hornsby 9 (G. Williamson 3, Kelly 2, Giometti, Ramisch, Maxwell, Raguz) Orange Waratah 0, Dulwich Hill Madeira 0 Rosebery Portugal 0, Fairfield City 1 (Nario pen) Petersham Lusitanos 2 (Batten 2), Granville-Chile 2 (o.g., Ferris) Mount Druitt Town 3 (Farnsworth 2, White pen).

LEADING SCORERS: 15 Barry Walker, 13 Sep Disch, Graeme Williamson, 11 Dennis Duarte, Paul Harriott, Andy Ferris, 10 Leo Ulloa, 9 Steve Karavatakis, Darren Stephenson, Paul Pette-non, 8 Ozcan Celik, Remy Gallo-way, 7 Gurkan Tasdemir, Birol Serbas, Ray Carney, Wayne Farnsworth, 6 Mark Butler, Paul Corbett, 5 Andrew Ollier, Gary Hastie, Jason Gribble, Jimmy Berry, Nelio Borg, Alberto Arbelo, Ugher Tiskin.

Harry Williams speaks

Inter Monaro must rebuild

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE time has come for the current Inter Monaro squad to be disbanded, coach Harry Williams believes.

"The players have been together too long and new blood and inspiration is desperately needed," he said.

"They are simply not replying any more.

"Before games and at training they appear to be fired up, but when they go out on the pitch it doesn't work."

"It would be best for everyone if the squad was to disband at the end of the season and for the club to look around the ACT League, and maybe even consider buying a couple of players from outside, for next year."

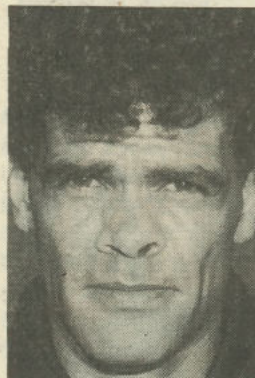
"It has to do that if it is serious about staying in the NSW State League."

"For the last few years we have been in decline and there is no sign of that decline being arrested."

"The only thing left for us to play for this season is pride."

And the coach also hit out at the club's lack of a meaningful youth policy.

"I can't remember us ever really having



HARRY WILLIAMS

one.

"Sure, we have a good senior section, but there is almost no liaison with the seniors on promising players who need to be encouraged and promoted."

"It's difficult for me to attend junior games, but there should be a coaching director who can get round and then make recommendations on individuals."

His comments came after Monaro was rocked when three of its first-team squad sat out the 1-1 draw with Sutherland.

Captain Baz Giampaolo, Andrew Monterosso and John Janke all elected not to play after payments were not forthcoming at training on the previous Friday night.

Other members of the squad, similarly affected, decided to turn out anyway.

Giampaolo, who was at the game to watch, said the club had not honoured the terms of its contract with him.

Twice winner of the NSW State League's best and fairest medal, Giampaolo said he still believed he had a lot to offer Monaro.

"If I was just some old guy playing out the declining days of my career I might think differently," he said.

"But I think I make a significant contribution to the club and as such deserve to have my contract honoured."

Yugal home

Auburn Yugal defeated Rosebery 2-1 at Sydney Athletic Field on Thursday night.

The scores were Paul Pette-non and Vlado Zoric for the winners.

Rosebery performed well and put Yugal under pressure.

Yugal held on thanks to their goalkeeper Rosario Pintos classy work, with Rosebery continually knocking at the door towards the end.

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STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Southern Dist.	23	16	4	3	55	18	36
Dulwich Hill	23	13	7	3	39	15	33
Petersham	25	11	9	5	31	22	31
Fairfield City	23	9	11	3	32	23	29
Gl'ville H'by	24	7	11	6	42	32	25
Central Coast	24	11	3	10	31	31	25
Waverley	24	8	8	8	34	34	24
Mt Druitt Town	23	8	7	8	25	25	23
Auburn Yugal	24	8	7	9	24	27	23
Camp'town V	24	8	7	9	34	39	23
G'ville Chile	25	7	7	11	28	36	21
Manly W'gah	24	6	7	11	29	33	19
Rosebery	23	6	5	12	30	47	17
Orange War	23	0	3	20	17	69	3



STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 2

Southern Dist.	23	20	2	1	58	15	42
Rosebery	23	16	3	4	64	27	35
Camp'town	24	15	4	5	44	19	34
Granville	25	14	3	8	46	34	31
Manly W'gah	24	12	5	7	68	44	29
Dulwich Hill	23	13	3	7	46	28	27
Gl'ville H'by	24	11	5	8	65	44	29
Central Coast	24	11	3	10	56	51	25
Waverley	24	7	4	13	34	50	18
Fairfield City	23	7	3	13	29	56	17
Mt Druitt Town	23	6	4	13	35	46	16
Petersham	25	3	6	16	21	57	12
Auburn Yugal	24	3	5	16	27	72	11
Orange	23	1	4	18	16	66	6

STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 1

Port Hacking	19	15	1	3	45	21	31
Mt Pritchard	20	13	4	3	39	13	29
Cyprus United	20	10	5	5	33	20	25
North Ryde	20	9	5	6	39	31	23
Lennos	19	9	4	6	27	23	22
Hills United	19	8	5	6	30	20	21
West Wands	19	8	4	7	28	26	20
Bankstown	19	5	8	6	33	28	18
Bathurst 75	20	7	2	11	22	29	16
Uni of NSW	20	4	12	19	43	12	
Concordia	18	2	5	11	7	31	9
C'bury & Dist.	19	3	0	16	11	48	6

STATE LEAGUE 3 GR 2

Mt Pritchard	20	15	4	1	52	14	34
Bankstown	18	13	3	2	47	14	29
Uni of NSW	20	11	5	4	41	27	27
Hills United	20	9	6	3	33	19	26
C'bury & Dist.	18	9	6	3	41	19	24
Cyprus United	20	9	5	6	46	21	23
Lennos	19	10	3	6	30	17	23
Port Hacking	19	6	4	9	18	37	16
North Ryde	20	2	8	10	17	37	12
West Wands	20	3	4	13	24	45	10
Bathurst 75	20	2	2	16	11	51	6
Concordia	18	0	2	16	4	63	2

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 1

Belmore Her	19	13	0	6	43	19	26
Arncliffe	20	10	6	4	41	20	26
Concord Jun	20	11	3	6	36	18	25
SSC Zagreb	21	11	3	7	42	27	25
Colo Colo	19	10	5	4	26	15	25
Trasandinos	19	10	3	6	41	25	23
Spanish Club	19	8	3	6	35	30	19
Hajduk	18	7	4	7	34	26	18
Hawkesbury	19	6	5	8	21	27	17
Nineveh Eagles	20	7	3	10	21	34	17
Rooty Hill	19	2	2	15	17	48	6
Croatia Jnrs	19	1	3	15	13	81	5

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 2

Trasandinos	20	13	3	4	35	15	29
Concord	20	12	3	5	35	15	27
Nineveh Eagles	20	12	2	6	33	22	26
SSC Zagreb	21	10	2	9	35	22	22

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE A

BHP Austral v Canberra Croatia	0-0	0-0
Avala v Sydney Olympic	1-0	0-1
Sydney Mac v Rockdale Ilinden	1-5	3-1
Marconi v Wollongong City	1-1	2-2

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE B

Polonia v St George	0-1	0-0
Wollongong Mac v Canterbury	0-0	0-2
North Shore v Sydney Croatia	2-1	0-2

STATE LEAGUE TWO

Waverley v Manly Warringah	2-2	2-3
Campbelltown v Auburn Yugal	1-2	5-0
Central Coast v Southern Dist	0-2	0-4
Dulwich Hill v Rosebery	0-0	0-1
Fairfield City v Petersham	1-2	3-3
Gladesville v Orange Waratahs	9-0	7-2
Granville Chile v Mt Druitt	2-3	1-2

FEDERATION LEAGUE THREE

Mt Pritchard v Bathurst	3-0	2-0
Bankstown v Port Hacking	3-4	6-0
Hills United v Cyprus United	1-1	2-2
Bathurst v Port Hacking	0-3	0-2
Hills United v Lennos Allstars	1-0	0-1
Canterbury Dist v Uni of NSW	1-2	2-2
Cyprus United v North Ryde RSL	0-2	0-1

FEDERATION LEAGUE FOUR

Concord Jnrs v Hajduk Rangers	2-0	1-0
Arncliffe v Belmore Hercules	0-2	3-1
SSC Zagreb v Rooty Hill	6-0	2-0
Spanish Club v Colo Colo	0-0	3-3
Trasandinos v Nineveh Eagles	4-0	0-1

FEDERATION LEAGUE FIVE

Prospect United v Macquarie Uni	1-0	
Sydney Uni v W.D. Hellas	1-2	2-1
Ashour Star v Alexander	1-1	3-5
Prospect United v Sporting Peru	0-1	3-0
Macquarie Uni v CSI Schofields	3-4	3-2
Maccabi Hakoah v Chile Sports	3-3	0-1
GNS United v Lithgow Workmen	1-1	1-4

FEDERATION LEAGUE SIX

Cobroloa v Assyrian	0-5	4-0
Abruzzi v Balmain	2-0	2-0
Pagewood Botany v Fogolar Furlan	2-0	0-0
Liverpool Olympic v Pontian Eagles	1-1	1-1
St Josephs v Penrith	0-1	0-2
Liverpool City v New Welcome	0-2	1-2

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE: ONE

Gladesville v Liverpool Oly	0-1	
Melita Eagles v Epping Eastwood	0-1	

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE: TWO

North Ryde v Melita Eagles	2-1	
Liverpool Oly v Mt Druitt	3,4pen 3,2pen	

Hawkesbury	19	7	8	4	34	22	22
Rooty Hill	19	10	1	8	35	28	21
Spanish Club	19	8	4	7	37	26	20
Colo Colo	18	8	2	8	33	28	18
Arncliffe	19	7	4	8	26	27	18
Hajduk	18	8	1	9	28	38	17
Croatia Syd	18	3	1	14	13	60	7
Belmore Her	19	1	1	17	21	62	3

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 1

GRADE 1							
West Dist	20	17	2	1	64	24	36
Macquarie Uni	21	12	3	6	46	13	27
Prospect Utd	19	12	1	6	38	19	25
Ashour Star	20	9	7	4	38	33	25
Sporting Peru	19	12	0	7	41	37	24
Alexander	21	8	5	8	42	42	21
CSI Schofields	19	8	1	10	39	42	17
Lithgow	21	6	4	11	29	34	16
Chile Sports	20	5	5	10	27	46	15
Sydney Uni	20	5	3	12	31	41	13
GNS United	20	5	12	13	22	37	22
Maccabi	20	4	1	25	22	51	9

SOCCER POOLS



THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 20/8/90 — WEEK 264

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17	53	47	38	54	50	53	54	48	0	12	1	2	1	9	8	19												
25	50	56	55	63	61	76	57	53	4	1	2	3	3	3	4	6												
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Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

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RESULTS OF WEEK 264 SAT 18 AUGUST, 1990

Total Prize Pool is \$189,316.56
Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 2, 5, 13, 14, 17, 33.
Supplementary Number: 12

Division 1
The Prize Pool is \$123,034.46
No winner. Jackpot Week 265, est \$250,000.00.

Division 2
There is no winner, therefore the Prize Pool is added to Division 3 Prize Pool.

Division 3
The Prize Pool is \$15,144.90
There are 38 winners of \$398.55.

Division 4
The Prize Pool is \$28,376.40
There are 1,819 winners of \$15.60

Division 5
The Prize Pool is \$22,760.80
There are 2,474 winners of \$9.20



State League action from South Australia, Adelaide Hellas downs Modbury 3-0.

QUEENSLAND

XXXX LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	20	13	6	1	36	8	45
Bris City	20	10	6	4	49	24	36
North Star	19	8	9	2	45	27	33
Pine Rivers	19	10	2	7	46	36	32
Eastern Subs	20	9	5	6	30	26	32
Taringa Rov	20	8	7	5	28	28	31
Rochdale Rov	20	8	4	8	31	40	28
Coaststars	19	6	4	9	20	28	22
Acacia Ridge	20	6	2	12	30	45	20
Mt Gravatt	19	6	1	12	21	28	19
Grange This	20	4	6	10	22	37	18
Olympic Utd	20	3	2	15	14	45	11

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Annerley	19	9	7	3	35	18	34
Slacks Ck	19	9	6	4	32	14	33
L/Valley	19	9	5	5	32	24	32
Lutwyche	19	9	5	5	33	30	32
Darra Utd	19	8	7	4	35	27	31
Souths Utd	19	8	6	5	30	23	30
Redcliffe	19	6	6	7	17	25	24
Kingsridge	19	6	5	8	32	31	23
Beenleigh	19	6	5	8	22	29	23
Brothers	19	5	4	10	19	40	19
Oxley	19	3	6	10	23	33	15
Uni of Old	19	2	6	11	18	34	12

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nerang	20	15	3	2	47	18	48
Bris Croatia	20	13	3	4	44	18	42
St Helens	20	11	3	6	34	20	36
St Albans	20	10	5	5	34	27	35
Inala City	20	9	7	4	45	28	34
Wynnum	20	7	6	7	25	27	28
The Gap	20	7	6	7	16	17	27
Newmarket	20	7	3	10	31	36	24
Goodna	20	6	4	10	19	28	22
Willowburn	20	5	3	12	27	37	18
Mitchellton	20	3	3	14	17	43	12
Redlands	20	1	6	13	14	54	9

DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albany Ck	19	13	5	1	39	14	44
Griffiths Uni	19	11	2	6	33	21	35
Capalaba	19	9	6	4	43	25	33
Southside Eag	19	9	4	6	27	20	31
Pine Hills	19	9	4	6	30	20	27
Samford Range	19	7	6	6	29	26	27
Deception Bay	19	8	3	8	34	36	27
Kenmore Ran	19	6	8	5	27	27	26
South Star	19	5	6	8	34	31	21
Toowong	19	3	6	10	24	43	15
Leichhardt	19	3	4	12	15	38	13
Western Subs	19	2	5	12	29	53	11

THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 265
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ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ASTON VILLA	SOUTH'PTON	1
	CHELSEA	DERBY	2
	EVERTON	LEEDS	3
	LUTON	CRYSTAL P.	4
	MAN. UTD.	COVENTRY	5
	NOTTINGHAM F.	Q.P.R.	6
	SHEFFIELD UTD.	LIVERPOOL	7
	TOTTENHAM	MAN. CITY	8
	WIMBLEDON	ARSENAL	9
	BARNLEY	BRIGHTON	10
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BRISTOL C.	BLACKBURN	11
	HULL	NOTTS C.	12
	LEICESTER	BRISTOL R.	13
	MIDDLESBRO	WEST HAM	14
	NEWCASTLE	PLYMOUTH	15
	OXFORD UTD.	PORT VALE	16
	PORTSMOUTH	WEST BROM.	17
	WATFORD	MILLWALL	18
	WOLVES	OLDHAM	19
	CAMB'GE U.	BIRMINGHAM	20
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	CREWE	FULHAM	21
	EXETER	READING	22
	HUDD'FIELD	SOUTHEND	23
	LEYTON O.	SWANSEA	24
	PRESTON	GRIMSBY	25
	SHREWSBURY	BOLTON	26
	STOKE	ROTHERHAM	27
	WIGAN A.	MANSFIELD	28
	BURNLEY	LINCOLN	29
	CARDIFF	SCARBORO	30
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	CARLISLE	DONCASTER	31
	CHESTERFIELD	HARTLEPOOL	32
	GILLINGHAM	DARLINGTON	33
	HALIFAX	STOCKPORT	34
	SCUNTHORPE	BLACKPOOL	35
	WALSALL	TORQUAY	36
	WREXHAM	PETERBORO	37
	YORK	MAIDSTONE	38

RESERVE MATCHES

G.M. VAUXHALL CONFERENCE LEAGUE	ALTRINCHAM	BATH	39
	BARROW	CHELtenham	40
	BOSTON U.	WELLING UTD.	41
	COLCHESTER	MERTHYR T.	42
	KETTERING	GATESHEAD	43
	KID'MINSTER	FISHER ATH.	44
	NORTHWICH	BARNET	45
	SLOUGH	RUNCORN	46
	STAFFORD	SUTTON UTD.	47
	MOTHERWELL	CELTIC	48
SCOT. DIV. 1	RANGERS	DUNF'MLINE	49
	AYR	FORFAR	50
	CLYDE	CLYDEBANK	51
	FALKIRK	HAMILTON	52
	ARBROATH	BERWICK	53
	COWDENB'TH	STIRLING A.	54
	EAST FIFE	DUMBARTON	55

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G.M. VAUXHALL CONFERENCE LEAGUE	BARROW	KID'MINSTER	1	1-3
	BATH	KETTERING	2	3-3
	CHELtenham	GATESHEAD	3	1-0
	FISHER ATH.	ALTRINCHAM	4	0-0
	MACCLESFIELD	BARNET	5	3-3
	MERTHYR T.	NORTHWICH	6	3-2
	RUNCORN	WYCOMBE	7	1-1
	SLOUGH	BOSTON U.	8	2-0
	SUTTON UTD.	TELFORD	9	0-3
	WELLINGTON U.	STAFFORD	10	2-1
H.F.S. LOANS LEAGUE - PREMIER DIVISION	YEovil	COLCHESTER	11	2-0
	BANGOR	LEEK	12	1-1
	BUXTON	COLNE DYN.	13	void
	CHORLEY	BISHOP AUK.	14	1-1
	FRICKLEY A.	S. LIVERPOOL	15	5-1
	GAINSBORO	DROYLSDEN	16	0-0
	HYDE	FLEETWOOD	17	1-1
	MORECAMBE	MOSSLEY	18	0-2
	SHEPshed	HORWICH	19	1-2
	SOUTHPORT	MATLOCK	20	1-0
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE - PREMIER DIVISION	STALYBRIDGE	MARINE	21	1-0
	WITTON A.	GOOLE	22	4-0
	ATHERSTONE	CHELMSFORD	23	0-1
	BROMSGROVE	GRAVESEND	24	3-0
	DARTFORD	WEYMOUTH	25	5-3
	DORCHESTER	WORCESTER	26	3-2
	DOVER	BASHLEY	27	0-1
	GLOUCESTER	RUSHDEN	28	3-2
	HALESOWEN	FARNBORO	29	1-2
	MOOR GREEN	CRAWLEY	30	2-1
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE - LG. 5TH DIV.	POOLE	CAMB'GE C.	31	1-3
	WATERL'VILLE	BURTON A.	32	2-0
	WEALDSTONE	RUGBY	33	1-1
	ANDOVER	SUDBURY	34	2-1
	ASHFORD	NEWPORT IOW	35	3-0
	BUCKING'M. T.	CANTERBURY	36	4-2
	BURY TOWN	FAREHAM	37	0-2
	ERITH	SALISBURY	38	0-1



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VIC STATE RESERVES

B. Juventus	31	23	4	4	100	23	50
Altona Gate	31	22	5	4	78	21	49
H. Berg Utd.	31	21	6	4	59	19	48
Moorwell	31	19	6	6	62	34	44
St Albans	31	18	2	11	36	30	38
Fawkner	31	16	5	10	76	41	37
Bulleen	31	13	10	8	55	41	36
W. Geelong	31	15	5	11	57	48	35
Thomastown	30	12	8	10	49	37	32
Croydon City	31	13	6	12	53	45	32
Caulfield	31	15	1	15	55	52	31
R. Wood City	30	11	3	16	42	58	25
Green Gully	31	9	6	16	43	61	24
Box Hill	31	9	5	17	32	54	23
F. St. Pines	31	3	8	20	44	84	14
Mooroolbark	30	3	7	20	14	68	13
M. Bour City	31	4	5	22	29	104	13
Albion	30	2	6	22	24	88	10

VIC DIV ONE FIRSTS

Doveton	21	13	5	3	33	16	31
Oakleigh	21	13	4	4	37	22	30
Springside City	21	11	7	3	35	22	29
Knox City	21	11	5	5	31	24	27
Westgate	21	10	6	5	39	21	26
Port Melbourne	21	7	12	2	24	20	26
North Geelong	21	8	5	8	34	30	21
Essendon City	21	7	5	9	23	32	19
Mordialloc	21	7	4	10	12	18	18
Western Subs.	21	6	6	9	21	28	18
Werrisbee	21	5	5	11	24	30	15
Mar. Polonia	21	2	10	9	24	36	14
Broadmeadows	21	3	4	14	11	27	10
Sandringham	21	3	4	14	14	36	10

VIC DIV ONE RESERVES

Doveton	21	15	6	0	61	15	38
W. Geelong	21	15	2	4	61	24	32
Port Melbourne	21	12	5	4	44	23	29
Oakleigh	20	10	6	4	37	20	26
Knox City	21	9	5	7	45	24	22
Springside City	21	9	4	8	29	24	22
Essendon City	21	7	6	8	31	26	20
Mar. Polonia	21	7	5	9	29	40	19
Broadmeadows	21	8	3	10	40	58	19
Western Subs.	21	7	3	11	48	41	17
Werrisbee	20	5	5	10	33	45	15
Sandringham	20	5	3	13	20	43	13
Westgate	21	3	5	13	18	55	11
Mordialloc	21	3	4	14	24	69	10

VIC DIV TWO FIRSTS

Kellor	20	14	1	5	43	19	29
Brighton	21	13	3	5	36	24	29
Bell Park	21	9	3	3	24	12	27
Clifton Hill	21	9	6	6	24	20	24
Chelsea	21	8	7	6	35	30	23
Nunawading City	21	7	6	3	31	28	22
Doncaster	21	6	10	5	26	22	22
Waverley City	21	6	8	7	26	22	20
Geelong	21	6	7	8	23	24	20
Dandenong	21	8	9	3	31	35	20
Sunbury United	21	7	5	9	31	29	19
Richmond	21	5	6	10	14	23	16
Colbury	20	4	3	13	17	46	11
Ringwood Utd.	21	2	6	13	19	44	10

VIC DIV THREE RESERVES

Clifton Hill	20	15	2	3	48	19	32
Waverley City	21	14	3	4	43	30	31
Doncaster	21	12	6	4	47	30	28
Brighton	21	12	4	5	35	20	28
Kellor	19	11	4	4	41	25	26
Sunbury United	21	11	4	6	35	23	26
Bell Park	21	9	7	6	32	20	23
Richmond	21	8	9	6	41	21	21
Dandenong	21	7	5	9	26	32	19
Nunawading City	21	6	3	12	40	35	15
Geelong	20	6	3	11	32	38	15
Colbury	20	4	1	15	25	66	9
Chelsea	21	4	1	16	17	73	9
Ringwood Utd.	20	2	0	18	9	73	4

VIC DIV FOUR FIRSTS

Bentleigh Green	21	13	6	2	41	22	32
Altona City	21	13	5	3	48	26	31
Holland Park	21	11	6	4	39	19	28
Seaford United	21	11	4	6	43	27	26
Clarendon	21	9	5	7	23	18	23
Lalor United	21	8	5	8	32	29	21
Heidelberg City	21	6	9	6	17	20	21
Corio-Geelong	21	6	7	6	36	33	21
Moorabbin City	21	6	8	2	20	26	19
Clayton	21	5	8	3	32	36	18
BLDiam. Valley	21	5	10	22	28	17	17
Springside Utd.	21	5	12	21	47	15	15
Mornington	21	5	12	24	47	15	15
Yarraville	21	2	7	12	13	37	11

VIC DIV FIVE FIRSTS

Lalor United	21	14	5	2	40	23	33
Moorabbin City	21	14	3	4	57	21	31
Altona City	21	11	6	4	47	27	30
Clayton	21	11	3	5	47	16	29
Seaford United	21	11	4	6	45	26	26
BLDiam. Valley	21	11	3	7	45	34	21
Heidelberg City	21	10	1	10	36	33	25
Corio-Geelong	21	7	3	11	38	42	17

VIC DIV THREE RESERVES

Lalor United	21	14	5	2	40	23	33
Moorabbin City	21	14	3	4	57	21	31
Altona City	21	11	6	4	47	27	30
Clayton	21	11	3	5	47	16	29
Seaford United	21	11	4	6	45	26	26
BLDiam. Valley	21	11	3	7	45	34	21
Heidelberg City	21	10	1	10	36	33	25
Corio-Geelong	21	7	3	11	38	42	17

VIC DIV FOUR FIRSTS

Oakleigh Subs.	21	14	5	2	43	20	33
Pascoe Vale	21	14	5	2	44	24	33
East Bruns-Ivan	21	12	6	3	39	17	30
Regent	21	12	3	6	44	22	27
More Park Rang.	21	8	8	5	26	26	24
Spring Condors	21	10	3	8	35	19	23
Hawthorn	21	9	3	9	39	29	21
Langwarrin	21	7	6	8	20	22	20
Karingal Utd.	21	7	6	8	32	36	20
Hamlyn Rangers	21	6	8	7	32	37	20
Ferntree Gully	21	3	8	10	21	40	14
Uphall	21	3	6	12	23	50	12
Rosanna	21	3	5	13	19	41	11
Yallourn	21	1	4	16	19	53	6

VIC DIV FOUR RESERVES

East Bruns-Ivan	21	17	3	1	58	18	37
More Park Rang.	21	11	7	3	45	25	29
Spring Condors	20	12	4	4	52	20	28
Langwarrin	21	13	2	6	53	30	28
Hamlyn Rangers	20	11	3	6	42	25	25
Karingal Utd.	21	8	6	7	42	25	22
Pascoe Vale	21	9	4	8	30	32	22
Boronia	21	6	7	8	27	32	19
Rosanna	21	6	5	10	27	33	17
Hawthorn	21	8	1	12	40	58	17
Oakleigh Subs.	21	6	3	12	35	40	15
Ferntree Gully	21	5	5	11	25	44	15
Regent	21	5	5	13	15	33	13
Yallourn	21	1	3	17	7	84	5

VIC PROV ONE FIRSTS

St. Dandenong	21	11	6	3	49	25	30
Cranebourne	21	14	2	5	31	10	30
St. Werribee	21	12	5	4	51	28	29
Malvern City	21	11	5	5	40	21	27
Nth. Sunshine	22	11	5	6	38	25	27
Altona East	22	10	5	7	31	27	25
Melton	22	8	6	8	40	33	22
Williamstown	22	6	10	6	25	28	22
Berwick City	22	6	8	8	39	30	20
Westvale	23	6	7	10	23	36	19
Forest Hill	21	8	2	11	35	48	17
Bruswick Utd.	22	5	7	10	24	41	17
East Geelong	21	3	8	10	17	36	14
M. Riel Ranger	22	4	3	12	22	43	13
Keysborough	21	2	5	14	16	61	9

VIC PROV ONE RESERVES

Malvern City	21	15	5	2	70	35	34
St. Dandenong	21	13	2	6	42	23	28
Melton	22	10	7	5	36	25	27
Westvale	22	9	8	5	27	27	26
Williamstown	22	11	6	6	39	41	26
St. Werribee	21	9	6	8	48	32	24
Mooroolbark	22	9	6	8	45	38	23
Altona East	22	9	5	8	45	38	23
Nth. Sunshine	22	8	7	7	32	30	23
Berwick City	22	8	4	10	35	45	20
Cranebourne	21	6	4	11	40	41	16
Forest Hill	21	5	5	11	29	46	15
Forest Hill	21	4	6	11	28	42	14
Keysborough	21	4	4	13	27	42	12
Bruswick City	22	2	6	14	23	53	10

VIC PROV TWO FIRSTS

Frankston Utd.	23	18	3	2	59	22	39
St. Springside	23	16	5	2	47	18	37
Ascot St. Marks	23	14	4	5	46	22	32
Lalor	23	13	6	4	45	24	32
Lyndale Utd.	23	13	4	6	47	32	30
Ballarat	23	12	5	6	37	22	29
Meadow Park	23	12	4	7	44	41	28
Brandon Park	23	7	9	7	29	21	21
Brintons	23	8	5	10	27	37	21
Fitzroy City	23	6	6	11	25	33	17
St. Yarra	23	8	4	11	46	52	20
Lalor	23	6	7	10	36	32	19
Port United	22	7	3	12	23	46	17
Brandon Park	23	5	6	12	34	46	16
R. Wood Rovers	23	5	6	12	31	51	16
Kew Eagles	23	3	5	15	29	59	13
R. Wood Rovers	23	3	5	15	20	48	11
South Yarra	23	2	5	16	17	45	9

VIC PROV TWO FIRSTS							
Frankston Utd.	23	18	3	2	59	22	39
St. Springside	23	16	5	2	47	18	37
Ascot St.Marks	23	14	4	5	46	22	33
Lalor	23	13	6	4	45	24	32
Lyndale Utd.	23	13	4	6	47	32	30
Ballarat	23	12	5	6	37	22	29
Meadow Park	23	12	4	7	44	41	28
Brandon Park	23	7	7	9	27	29	21
Brintons	23	8	5	10	27	37	21
Waverley Utd.	23	7	4	12	30	36	18
Fitzroy City	23	6	6	11	25	33	17
Port United	23	5	5	12	26	42	16
Uni. of Melb.	23	5	4	14	25	41	14
New Kewles	23	5	3	15	29	59	13
Rwood Rovers	23	3	5	15	20	48	11



Humble rejects offer — collects goal No 20

TWO opportunist goals from the League's most lethal and dangerous striker Andy Humble allowed Croydon City to maintain their title challenge as they accounted for a stubborn Frankston Pines by 2-0.

Humble, who earlier in the week rejected an offer to join Sydney Croatia for the coming NSL season because of his settled position in Melbourne, put his side ahead in the 13th minute in typical fashion.

Steve Brimmer laid off a neat pass to Spencer Field who cleverly chipped the ball into the six yard box.

Humble sneaked in behind the stagnant Pines defence to easily head home the goal.

For the remainder of the first half, Pines, who had played the previous day in a postponed fixture, kept pace with Croydon as the ball went from end to end as both keepers saw plenty of it.

Brimmer came close to extending Croydon's lead three minutes into the second half only to be denied by Pines keeper Lee Davies, who made a brilliant fingertip save from his scorching shot.

Two minutes later, Brimmer passed to Humble who with goal in sight rounded keeper Davies, only then to see his shot on goal desperately cleared off the goal-line.

In the 56th minute Pines' Carlos Galivan had his goal disallowed by referee Bernie Upjohn after he was ruled to be in an off-side position.

30 minutes into the half, a dangerous back pass by Pines defender Ian Gillard was pounced upon by Humble, who gleefully slotted the ball past the hapless Davies with ease to bring up his 20th goal of the season.

Humble came close to bringing up his hat-trick five minutes from full time, when he intercepted another poor back pass, but this time he could not punish the mistake as his shot only found the side netting.

One minute later, a clever back heel from

Brimmer was cleared off the goal line in a desperate defensive scramble.

ALBION 0 NORTHCOTE 1

Northcote City played with a fraction more authority and system, which was the telling factor in the final outcome in their 1-0 victory over Albion Turk Gucu.

Northcote's caretaker coach, Paul Harris, introduced a new system of play into his side which proved successful as the Albion danger men Peter Kadlicek and Ayhan Patsaman found creativity hard to come by.

The all important goal came 10 minutes into the second half.

Northcote captain Pedro Ramos centered a ball into the path of young Jimmy Illiopoulos, who picked his spot and made no mistake beating Albion keeper Ernie Toth with his shot.

Northcote had two excellent chances to extend their lead in the dying minutes of the match. Both Manny Anezakis and Ramos failed to find their targets after being in excellent scoring range.

THOMASTOWN 1 FAWKNER 3

It was all one way traffic as Fawknar totally overwhelmed Thomastown in every department to register a convincing 3-1 victory.

Paltridge Reserve was in shocking condition, but this did not stop Fawknar from taking the lead two minutes into the first half.

After a foul on Blagojevic, Fawknar player-coach Claude Lucessi stepped up to take the free kick from 25 metres.

Lucessi hit a unstoppable shot into the back of the net giving goalkeeper Zoran Janakievski no chance.

Within 40 seconds Thomastown were back on equal terms, when Dino DiMartino made the most of a lax Fawknar defence to hit a crisp shot past Zoran Nikitovic in the Fawknar goal.

In the eighth minute Fawknar regained the lead when Zlatko Lujic bend in his corner kick, deceiving all in the goal area as the ball found its way over the goal line.

A Thomastown defender's attempt to clear the ball was ruled out as the linemen signalled that it had in fact crossed the line.

Fawknar took a stranglehold on the match in the 37th minute when Danny Ste-



Space abounds as keen Fawknar player Sammy Emmanuelle sets sail after the ball — Pic: JOE MONTEMURRO.

vancevic hit a crisp low shot from inside the box past Janakievski, giving the goalkeeper little chance as it found the back of the net.

Fawknar continued to dominate the second half without adding to their scoreline, though in the final minute of the match Stevancevic laid off a pass to Sammy Emmanuelle, who went inches wide of scoring with a firm shot.

MORWELL 2 BULLEEN 1

"It was a game of two halves. After being down at half time the player's showed tremendous character to come back."

They were the words of a contented Morwell coach, Bobby McLachlan, after his side maintained their top four challenge with a gutsy 2-1 win over Bulleen.

Bulleen opened up strongly, and to no surprise they took the lead after 20 minutes.

Morwell defender, Emil Bruns completely misjudged a long ball from the right. Fabio Incantalupo seized upon the mistake to cross the ball into the box where Michael Vesnaver who had been left unmarked had little trouble in slotting the ball into the net.

For the next 25 minutes Bulleen continued to out play Morwell in every department and went in comfortable 1-0 leaders at the half time break.

As the second got under way, Morwell suddenly began to show the form they are capable of, while Bulleen looked a different team altogether to that which had taken the field in the first half.

Constant pressure from all the Morwell

BY DAVID BULLOCK

players finally paid dividends in the 60th minute.

Good lead up work from Frank McGrellis, Scott Cain and Gordon Scott was rewarded when Billy Wright drove his shot in to level the scores at 1-1.

Just 14 minutes from time, Morwell clinched the decisive goal.

Wright, who was wide on the right, chipped his pass into the path of McGrellis, who hit home with relish.

ST ALBANS 1 MOOROOLBARK 1

Mooolbark, fronting up for the second time on the weekend, secured a valuable point as it played out a 1-1 draw with St Albans in a dour match.

Mooolbark were certainly feeling the aches and pains, but St Albans were unable to expose their weariness throughout the afternoon.

Goals from St Albans' Darko Basara and Mooolbark's Micky Turner were the only real highlights for the crowd to get enthused about during the entire 90 minutes.

BRUNSWICK JUVE 1 BOX HILL 0

Box Hill, struggling at the foot of the table, made Brunswick Juventus work hard for their win in a dour struggle at Middle Park.

Juventus, now out of championship contention, looked lethargic and nonplussed as the battling Box Hill side — still without a win this season — never looked like being overawed by their more illustrious opponents.

A Steve Smith goal, his 14th of the season, was all that separated the two sides at the end of 90 minutes, though

Box Hill in the final analysis can consider themselves very unlucky not to have at least got a share of the points.

HEIDELBERG 3 GREEN GULLY 1

Heidelberg remained League leaders with a convincing 3-1 victory over Green Gully in a highly entertaining game.

Heidelberg, with Paul Lewis returning to the side after a five match suspension, went on the attack from the opening whistle creating numerous chances, but had to wait until the 32nd-minute to finally open up their account.

A corner kick taken by Angie Goutzoulis was met by Heidelberg captain Garry McDowall, who headed the ball powerfully past Green Gully keeper Charlie Sant and in to the back of the net.

Green Gully almost equalised straight away but Heidelberg keeper Jeff Olver made a tremendous save after a powerful shot hit by Tommy Daly.

In the 40th minute, Green Gully levelled up the scores when Kevin Harrison finished off a good build up to tuck the ball away and bring up his 17th goal of the season.

Within two minutes, Heidelberg regained the lead, when Green Gully's giant central defender, Aki Kotzamichalis, overhit a header to Sant, who was well out of position.

Left stranded, Sant could only watch the ball sail into the back of the net.

Paul Lewis came close to extending Heidelberg's lead one minute into the second

half but was denied by the woodwork after receiving a good pass from Stuart Cannell.

In the 63rd minute, Heidelberg increased their lead when Willie Herd sent a fine pass to Goutzoulis, who headed home from close range past Sant, giving him his 10th goal of the season.

Lewis, with 18 goals to his name so far this season, had two chances within a minute of each other to extend the lead in the final 10 minutes of the game, but he was denied on both occasions.

CAULFIELD 0 MELBOURNE JUST 2

Two well taken goals from dynamic young striker Sasha Becvinovski enabled Melbourne City JUST to secure two valuable points over a disappointing Caulfield City.

The match was tied up at 0-0 at half time, though both sides had chances to take the lead in the first 45 minutes.

In the 35th minute, JUST should have gone ahead through Zoran Cazin, who hit his shot into the side netting after rounding the keeper.

Five minutes later Caulfield's Paul Donnelly, with only keeper Dragan Aralica to beat, was foiled by the promising youngster.

JUST finally took a deserving lead 24 minutes into the second half.

Good lead up work between Davor Lasic and Cazin, saw Cazin cross from the right where Becvinovski finished off the move with a brilliant diving header that flew into goal.

Five minutes later, Caulfield defender Mark Aretis was sent off for dissent towards the referee.

In the final minute,

JUST made it 2-0 when Lasic and Cazin repeated the move that brought about the first goal. Becvinovski was left unmarked in the box and finished off Cazin's cross with ease to bring up his ninth goal of the season.

ALTONA GATE 3 RINGWOOD 1

Altona Gate left it until late in the match to secure the points against a dogged Ringwood City side in an ordinary lacklustre encounter.

They controlled the match from the outset and opened the scoring in the 29th minute through Ilija Tasevski, who finished off a good pass from Peter Nicovski to place his shot into the back of the net.

Just 16 minutes in the second half, against the run of play, Ringwood levelled up the scores when Altona keeper Sasha Kociski failed to hold the ball, allowing Lee Dixon to pounce and punish the mistake.

The goal made the Altona side suddenly take notice and they attacked the Ringwood goal in search of regaining the lead.

Their persistence finally paid off five minutes from full time when Tasevski hit a crisp volley past Ringwood keeper Colin Blackley after some good work from Nicovski and Micevski in the midfield.

Three minutes later, Altona made sure of the two points when Goran Georgievski collected the ball 25 metres from goal.

With Ringwood keeper Blackley off his line, Georgievski cleverly chipped the ball over the stranded keeper and under the crossbar for a superb goal.



VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

Heidelberg United	31	21	4	6	72	26	46
Croydon City	31	19	8	4	55	29	46
B'wick Juventus	31	18	6	7	47	21	42
Fawknar	31	15	7	9	47	34	37
Green Gully	31	16	4	11	53	35	36
Bulleen	31	14	8	9	45	38	36
Morwell	31	12	11	8	45	33	35
Albion	31	14	7	10	35	28	35
Altona Gate	31	11	12	8	39	32	34
Thomastown	31	12	8	11	35	43	32
N'cote City	31	12	6	13	45	51	30
St Albans	31	9	10	12	31	37	28
Caulfield	31	10	8	13	37	44	28
Melb. City JUST	30	9	9	12	33	37	27
Mooolbark	30	9	7	14	28	40	25
R'wood City	31	6	5	20	38	65	17
F'ston Pines	31	4	7	20	19	60	15
Box Hill	31	0	7	24	16	67	7

Markovski too dear for Vic NSL clubs

JOHN Markovski's brother and manager Jim Markovski has denied accusations that the talented 20-year-old had priced himself out of the Victorian market.



JOHN MARKOVSKI

Suggestions that Markovski would have become the highest paid player in Victoria had any club been willing to sign him have filtered back following his transfer to crack Sydney outfit Marconi.

Preston, the club which initially had the inside running on Markovski's signature, baulked at Markovski's demands and one club signed back its former player, he would have become the highest paid player at Preston "by far".

The Preston official told ASW that, aside from the \$12,500 transfer fee maximum in his contract, Markovski was asking for between \$25,000 and \$30,000 up front for the season, \$500 per win and \$350 per draw, a one year contract with no options, a \$12,500 transfer maximum and 100 percent of any transfer fee should he move overseas.

"We were ready and

willing to sign him but he certainly priced himself out of our club's range," he told ASW.

But Jim Markovski said that Preston "could make all the accusations they like."

"Anyone can throw figures about like that," said Markovski.

"They can talk — don't forget that he was lured for money by Preston (from Sunshine George Cross) in the first place.

"Preston and its supporters wanted John back there but he didn't go back for the same reasons he left in the first place.

"We couldn't reach agreement on the transfer fee maximum or the one year contract.

"It's that simple.

"We gave them the figures and waited and Preston came back to us and said they wanted him for two years and they had pumped up the \$12,500 maximum.

"We wished Preston good luck and said goodbye."



BERTI MARIANI

Marconi coach Bert Mariani, still in the process of arranging Markovski's transfer from Melbourne Croatia when

ASW spoke to him, responded angrily to suggestions that his club had met the alleged wage demands.

"We're not going to divulge a player's wages," he said.

"And I really don't think it's a money thing anyway.

"But I will say that Marconi doesn't pay crazy money to anyone."

Meanwhile Melbourne Croatia officials were stunned at the news of big 'Jonesy's' move to Sydney.

Markovski's contract with Croatia expired in May and the club was only aware of Preston's interest, having given the Connor Reserve side permission to talk to him.

"We still don't know much about it," admitted Croatia secretary Zjelko Sabo.

Sabo refused to reveal whether Markovski had been offered a new contract, but ASW has been told that that club had been disappointed with Markovski's 1989/90 form and was prepared to offer only half of what it was paying Markovski for last season.

"We hadn't heard from Melbourne Croatia since the end of the season," Markovski's manager told us.

"Marconi rang, we spoke to them, negotiated with them and after taking a week to think about it John decided it was in the best interests of his career to move to Sydney.

"The money is



Paul Trimboli

"It is going to be tough for him but I think he'll enjoy the more professional attitude of a club like Marconi.

"There was too much pressure on him here in Melbourne."

"An explosive and exciting player since bursting on to the NSL scene as a fifteen year old, Markovski is rated, alongside Paul Trimboli, as the best young player produced in Victoria in the past decade.

The talents of the former George Cross, Preston and Melbourne Croatia champion will certainly be missed south of the border.

Programme problems

THE ambitious project of attempting to get a Victorian State League match-day magazine off the ground is on the verge of folding after just two months.

ASW's own David Bullock, editor of the new publication, says financial and logistical problems might see the demise of 'State League Weekly'.

Bullock blames the apathy of some Victorian clubs and sponsors for the problems.

"We are still keen to produce 'State League Weekly' and we know the supporters are grateful for the product," said a disappointed Bullock this week.

"But our backers, who initially encouraged us, have basically left the SLW team to carry the can.

"It has really disappointed me.

"You've got a team of five or six people running a non-profit venture for the good of the game and yet the same people who are the game itself seem to want something for nothing.

"Some clubs have given us tremendous assistance but just as many have refused to lift a finger to help us or themselves.

"You've got to ask if the effort is worth it."

Bullock, ASW's State League expert, said the match-day magazine would continue until the end of the current season on a limited basis.

And he says it will return next season but not without concrete assurances from clubs and sponsors that they are prepared to support the project.

"We'll be doing our best to see that we survive in some form or other," Bullock explained.

"At the moment we are digging into our own pockets to say afloat, and will take legal action where appropriate."

Opasinis enjoys Northcote

BY DAVID BULLOCK



AFTER nine years in the National Soccer League with Preston Makedonia and Melbourne Croatia, Con Opasinis is finding his soccer a little more relaxing since transferring to Victorian State League club, Northcote City.

At 26, Opasinis still has plenty of soccer ahead of him and he is quick to dispel any thoughts people may have that he is unable to compete at the highest level because of his drop down a league.

"Firstly, wasn't happy with Melbourne Croatia.

"Look, it came to a stage I was playing really well, the superstars were starting to come back and I was sidelined to play Youth League Football. I weighed up all my options and in the end decided I just wanted to enjoy my football and I can know say that I am just doing that.

"It doesn't matter what league or what money your on.

"I'm not after status, no player should ever be."

Opasinis at the same time does not rule out a possible return to the NSL if the opportunity happens to present itself.

"If a chance came up, I'd be silly to knock it back.

"I know I can still play National League, there's no question about that," says Opasinis.

When Opasinis arrived at Northcote City, the "Super League" issue was still at loggerheads. Now five months into the season, he can only see one way the present Victoria competition can survive.

"The State League hasn't worked, a Super League must come in 1991, there is no other way we can progress otherwise," he said.

"I see week in and week out that the State League has gone backwards, with no disrespect to teams like Box Hill, Frankston and Ringwood, they are not doing justice to the game.

"These teams are content to win a few games, draw a few people, but have no intentions to progress.

"The league then becomes a complete stalemate, which is not fair to the sides with ambition.

Opasinis points out that Northcote City, the ambitious bracket, but a telling season has thwarted its attempts to challenge the front runners.

Says Opasinis: "We have not had a settled side all season and I feel sorry for our former coach Roy McLaren, as he has not been able to field his strongest side all year. Also our replacements are not strong enough to fill the gaps."

With so many years of National League up Opasinis's sleeve, there is no doubt he is well qualified to spot potential N.S.L. talent in the making, so when questioned about any teammates that may come up to scratch; two players immediately came to mind.

"Neil Mills is a very good player, but has been hampered by injuries, he is brilliant and definitely N.S.L.

material".
"I'm also very impressed with Paul Harris, he is strong and very steady, I

have no doubt he is quite capable of playing in the N.S.L. as well", says Opasinis.

Melbourne City Just face Council trouble

BY GREG BLAKE

FALLEN NSL giant Melbourne City JUST (formerly Footscray) is relying on local government bureaucracy to help it through its latest crisis.

JUST part-owner Ken Knight admitted as much in response to as many as ten weeks behind in its payments to players.

One JUST player, who declined to be named, said JUST's poor on-field form had much to do with the fact that many of the club's players were furious at having received "no payments for at least nine weeks."

"The club has hit rock bottom and the players can see no light at the end of the tunnel," the JUST player told ASW.

Knight admitted that JUST was "about seven weeks" behind in player payments but said three of those games were defeats and the payments "didn't amount to much."

Knight gave an assurance that the club will come good with the players' money but said his club was only one of a number in the same boat.

"As for us, hopefully the matter will be resolved in the next few weeks," Knight told ASW.

"It's all to do with the fact that we currently sub-lease the ground (Schintler Reserve) from the Melbourne City Council.

"Because we sub-lease no financier recognises the ground as security and thus we are unable to get the financial assistance we currently need."

Although the MCC doesn't want the land and despite the fact that all the recent improvements to the ground have been financed by the club, JUST is still waiting for the council to surrender the head lease on the land.

"The land is government owned and we have asked the council to surrender the head lease to us," Knight explained.

"The problem is that the MCC will not treat the case with any urgency because it has so many similar ones to deal with.

"So far we have negotiated for this for the past two years.

"If we can resolve the matter it will mean we can get the finance we need to finish off the ground and the social club as we have wanted to do for some time."



Knight also blamed the extra long State League season for the money problems facing a number of Victorian State League clubs.

"The new immigration laws have meant that we are obliged to pay a minimum of \$350 per week to the three new players and the coach we bought out at the start of the season."

CROSS CAMPBELJ

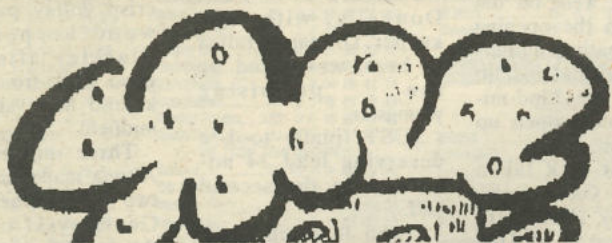
JOHN Campelj refuses to play again for financially strapped Sunshine George Cross after a 10-year association with the club.

He says Cross wanted him to take a 20 percent cut in pay which would have meant a drop of \$3,000 per season.

Campelj has been transfer-listed at \$20,000 but he believes a more realistic price would be \$8,000.

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JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

FIFA should speed up the goalkeepers



WORLD CUP BALANCE SHEET

Here is the preliminary accounting for Italia '90, where 30% of net proceeds goes to COL (the Italian Organising Committee) and 70% to the 24 finalists.

FIFA ACCOUNT INCOME

\$65,000,000 minimum ticket guarantee from COL (Italian Committee)
\$76,000,000 Direct television rights
\$45,100,000 Sponsors of FIFA for World Cup
Total income \$186,000,000

EXPENDITURE

\$35,359,000 FIFA rights
\$17,500,000 Accommodation, taxes
\$2,000,000 Referees and teams
\$16,479,000 Contribution to Italian Olympic Committee
\$6,062,000 Security
\$1,520,000 Direct TV rights
\$1,000,000 Anti doping
Total expenditure \$89,551,000
Profit \$96,500,000

COL (ITALIA '90 Organising Committee) ACCOUNT INCOME

\$28,964,000 30% from FIFA
\$82,900,000 surplus from minimum tickets sales guarantee
\$5,000,000 Percentage from FIFA Sponsors
\$16,749,000 9% rights fee from FIFA
\$64,000,000 Stadia, fixtures and other fittings subsidies
TOTAL INCOME \$197,000,000
EXPENDITURE
Total expenditure \$155,000,000
Expected profit \$42,000,000

THE great Ron Lord's criticism of the current breed of goalkeepers (ASW two weeks ago) gives me courage to have a go at today's goalkeepers.

For the uninitiated Ron Lord was for many the finest goalkeeper this country has produced.

His comments after the World Cup that today's keepers are a protected breed compared with his day hold a strong argument for FIFA to have a look at the goalkeeper's role.

While the penalty shoot out has attracted most post World Cup attention I suggest the role of the goalkeeper is not far behind.

Lord touched on the fact that every time keepers are touched, a free kick goes his way.

Even fair challenges see most referees give the nod the keepers way.

My criticism of today's keepers, all of whom are playing within the laws, is that they are a privileged breed simply because they, and they alone on the field of play, are under no time constraints once they take possession of the ball.

Unlike field players,

referees and linesmen, they can take all the time they want to decide what they are going to do with the ball.

The imbalance is unfair.

I feel they, like every one else should be placed under pressure to decide quickly what they have to do with the ball.

If this seems an insignificant criticism I suggest the next game you go to, take a stopwatch and tot up the number of minutes goalkeepers have possession of the ball.

As FIFA seeks ways and means to provide more entertainment at matches throughout the world I suggest a clamp down on

Goalkeepers like Ireland's World Cup hero Pat Bonner will have to speed up, says John Warren.

goalkeepers would provide more on-the-field action.

Indoor Soccer's idea of restricting goalkeepers to three seconds in terms of "possession time" would be one way to go.

So once the keeper has gained possession

he has three seconds to part with it — still highly privileged compared to the rest of the players, but a vast improvement on him gaining possession, holding it, looking around, rolling it and then parting with it some twenty to thirty

seconds after winning it.

My thoughts may win no friends in the world of goalkeepers, but hopefully will start a worthwhile movement amongst the field players and more importantly from spectators.

1990 Socceroos have a great act to follow

ONE wishes our 1990 Socceroos well in the Independence Cup in Indonesia.

Many will say the "big" names are missing, which to a certain extent is true.

However, it is a new breed of Socceroo team under a new management/coaching structure and irrespective of our thoughts on selections of this personnel we all wish them well.

It may be worth remembering that back in 1967 a team of "unknown" Socceroos played in the magnificent main stadium in Jakarta (110,000 capacity) on their way back from the Vietnam Tournament.

Uncle Joe Vlasits was the coach and that team of unknowns included players like Richards, Schaefer, Watkiss, Baartz, Abonyi, Corry, Vojtek, Micic, Ackerley, Keith, and Company, many of whom were to form the backbone of Australia's eventual qualification for the 1974 World Cup campaign almost a decade later.



JOE VLASITS

The Socceroos met New Zealand and Indonesia in that period in Jakarta, winning the three games it played.

One hopes for similar long term results from our 1990 Socceroos.

Speaking of Indonesia and its people's love of the world

game, it does seem a shame after all that time that Australia has not maintained closer ties with our very important neighbour.

A case of soccer showing the way for Australia in more respects than one if we could have a closer link with our northern neighbours.

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Ex-Socceroo Fraser gone to the dogs



It's a dog's life ... former Socceroo goalkeeper Jim Fraser, has made a living for 20 years training dogs. He and the RSPCA have launched a lecture series on raising pets. Fraser, who pulled out of the 1974 World Cup finals to tend to his dogs after starring in the qualifiers, is pictured here with some satisfied customers at RSPCA headquarters in Yagoona, Sydney — Photo courtesy SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

ULSTER HOPES

DAVID McCreery is confident Northern Ireland can strike it rich in the 1990s with the emergence of a crop of talented youngsters.

McCreery and his English colleagues have had to settle for a back seat in recent years as the Republic of Ireland have taken the international stage by storm.

But he is convinced better times are ahead and the Hearts midfielder says: "I played for a Northern Ireland select team recently and I was very impressed with some of the young players in the side."

"One lad who really caught my eye was Liverpool's reserve midfielder Jimmy Magilton. I can see him having a great career in the game."

The case for purely ethnic clubs

M. CATTERMOLE OF McKINNON, VIC WRITES

I am an avid reader of your newspaper, never missing a copy and find it, in the main, very good.

Two items which consistently arise in your paper however, have me confused as to your stand on these subjects.

1. You advocate the marketing of soccer in Australia and

2. You are against ethnic names for clubs.

In your articles on these subjects your paper strongly supports these issues, yet I think they are in opposition to each other.

Perhaps your views arise from a misconception of 'marketing'.

Marketing is not promotion and selling, promotion is 25% of the marketing-mix — selling is probably 10% of promotion.

The marketing concept was formulated (by Mr Lever of Lever & Kitchen) as an alternative to business involved in product and selling approaches.

Marketing is, in soccer's case, a spectator-need orientation backed by integrated marketing aimed at acquiring the clubs (or Federations) goals through spectator satisfaction. In a nutshell, marketing is discovering what consumers want and satisfying those wants profitably.

A good marketer on studying the situation of soccer in Australia, would strongly advise against regionalising teams in most cases (there are a few exceptions).

Firstly, let me erase any thoughts of an ethnic background being behind my statements.

I was born in Australia. My father, although born in the North-East of England, came to Australia as a four-year-old. My mother and her parents were born in Australia.

I've been involved in soccer for 31 years as a player (starting at 10), a coach, an administrator (both honorary and full-time), a journalist's aide (covering games at the Courier-Mail) and most importantly a spectator.

I am currently back at school after a 26-year absence) completing a Diploma in Marketing.

To market a product or service successfully you must first know your product and most importantly know 'the market'.

The market for soccer isn't as some



LEFT — Ethnic supporters on the whole fill our stadiums. RIGHT — Ethnic clubs have a future in our set-up, according to reader M. Cattermole.

scribes and administrators think the entire population of Australia.

If all sports fans were identical, then we would have an even spread of spectators across the board from dirt to cricket.

Support for a sport isn't just acquired as a birthright. Because your parents and grandparents support it, doesn't mean you will, although it does play a part.

There are a series of demographic, psychographic, cultural, sub-cultural and life styles that play a combined part in the outcome of what sport (if any) you follow.

Desmond Morris is accepted by most as an expert in human behaviour through his series of books on the subject.

The most interesting of his books is the 'Soccer Tribe' in which he explains the reasons why soccer is the most popular sport on the planet.

The key reason for supporting a team is the tribal roots, a sense of belonging. There must be a tie so that the supporter can ride through the bad times and still stick to his team.

I see the idea of some advocates that regionalising gives the population of that district a tie with the local team, but in Australia what percentage of us are born and live our entire lives in one area?

There seems to be something about this country that encourages its inhabitants to wander.

I, for one, was born in Brisbane. I've lived in Darwin, Mt Isa, Gold Coast, Beenleigh, Preston (UK) and Middlesbrough (UK). Who do I support?

Regional teams work in rugby and Australian rules because deep roots of

support were laid down 60 years ago when people didn't move around so much.

These roots are now rotting away and youngsters support the fashionable teams they see performing on TV.

Ethnic names give everlasting roots even if your ancestors came out on the First Fleet as is the case with my wife's family.

Through their name they still feel an association with anything Irish.

Next comes the statement that it narrows the market, restricts growth etc. Let's take a thorough look at that.

Everyone in business knows that the market place is changing, trends and products that were popular 10 years ago aren't anymore.

Eating habits are changing. The lifestyle is more casual. The population is aging, all sorts of changes are taking place — why?

1. Australians (the Anglo-Saxon kind) don't have babies anymore or, at least they can't cover their death rate.

2. Australia maintains a positive population growth rate by two means — direct immigration and by those immigrants having children.

Immigrants are, in the main, urban dwellers — 90% of immigrants live in the 12 major cities of Australia.

Let's look at population figures for Melbourne.

The demographic break-up of Melbourne in 1988 was overseas born 845,882 Aust. born of immigrant

parents 656,112 for a total of 1,501,994 or 53% of the population of Melbourne.

Based on these figures with past population % ratio and allowing that 85% of the Victorian northern

(Old mainly) immigration is of third-plus generation Australia-born.

The correlated projection for the year 2000 for this figure is 67% and a further 18% will be the offspring of that second group (Aust. born of immigrant

parents), therefore 85% of Melbourne's population will have strong ethnic ties at this time.

It now comes down to straight forward business and marketing strategies.

To regionalise clubs would amount to a frontal attack on rugby and Australian Rules — about the equivalent of Boral taking on BHP in a full frontal warfare.

Our best move is to take a good look at what I have established here as our strength but what many others see as a noose around our necks.

We are, in fact, both right. Somehow, whether it was of our own doing or clever manipulation from outside interests, we have managed to use our strength against ourselves.

Everyone keeps talking about the old days and the crowds that flocked to games.

Again using Melbourne as an example, if there was only one Greek team in Melbourne today, they would have to rent the MCG to play their games.

Instead, we have an unbelievable 43 Greek soccer teams in metropolitan Melbourne.

The administrators of the VSF who were responsible for allowing this to happen must be held responsible for the demise of soccer in Victoria.

In the case of the Greek-Melbourne clubs if this was 40 junior 'only' clubs feeding into four nursery 'senior' clubs competing in the Metro League into two in-

termediate clubs operating in the State League into one NSL club, they would have an ideal set-up of youth development and progression and an NSL team that would attract support enough to operate as a fulltime outfit.

The tactics and strategies we need to foster are the holding of current traditional support and the education of their children into future support.

The segmentation of the market and the target marketing of supporters other than our traditional base using tools at our disposal in our marketing mix (e.g. each club is allowed three visa players).

Instead of just filling gaps in the side with cheap imports you could, with market research, discover which current end of career players would attract spectators from outside your current market.

Take the 9,000+ Irish population in Melbourne, any of Brady, Macarthy O'Leary or Stapleton would bring a good % of them out of hiding to watch them play.

A clever mix of three players from various backgrounds could treble some clubs gates.

Variations of the above idea have been used with mixed results over the length of the NSL's existence but was any research done prior to the signing of these players?

There is no law that prevents clubs from setting themselves up to win, you don't have to gamble, you simply find out what the consumer wants and supply it at a profit.

Obviously, to spell out everything that can be done by marketing to bring soccer to the fore would require a many thousand page document.

The Marketing Plan for the Honda Civic is over a thousand pages and that is only one product.

Soccer as a whole offers many products and they vary enormously whether you are looking from a view as a Federation or a single club.

I also realise that this letter itself has gone on far too long to be printed by your paper in whole, but I ask you please to allow your scribes to read it in whole and hopefully reconsider their stand on regionalising.

I would also be interested in any clubs requiring Strategic Marketing Plans to be drawn up, but can't afford the \$10,000 to \$50,000 fee that is involved with having them drawn up.

Socceroo captaincy for Davidson?

BY LOU GAUTIER

ALAN Davidson may end his international retirement to lead the Socceroos as from next year.

With the retirement of Charlie Yankos from international football and Graham Arnold's decision to accept a two-year contract said to be worth \$330,000 with Dutch First Division club Roda JC, national coach Eddie Thomson hopes to induce Davidson back into the national side by making him the Socceroo captain.

Davidson retired from international football after Australia's 1-1 World Cup draw with Israel at the Sydney Football Stadium in April 1989 after 75 national team appearances since 1980, including 46 'A' caps.

Davidson, who, turned 30 in June, still needs to be completely convinced and motivated to return to the Socceroo fold.

Thomson hopes to convince him when he returns from touring Europe with the Olympic squad.

Thomson believes Davidson could play in Yankos' position at sweeper in the national team.

Davo's experience and leadership qual-



ities would be a great asset to the Socceroos now that Yankos and Arnold are no longer available.

Paul Wade has been named Socceroo captain for the international tournament now in progress in Indonesia.

FOOTNOTE: Socceroo and Marconi defender Gary van Egmond has also signed for Roda and before leaving with the Olympic team, Eddie Thomson revealed he had received a phone call from Vlado Bozicovski, now with glamour Portuguese club, Sporting Lisbon, requesting to be considered for selection in the national team.

Fijians turn heat on New Zealand

THE Fijians have used their home advantage to make life difficult for the New Zealand Youth All Whites during next month's World Youth Cup qualifiers.

Coach Terry Conley said his side's four matches against Fiji, Vanuatu, Australia and Tahiti have all been scheduled to be played at 2.00pm, the hottest part of the day.

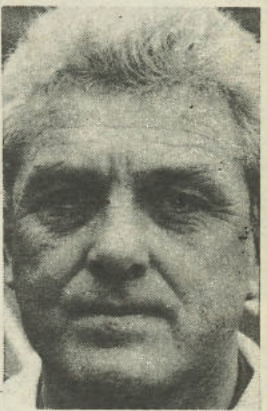
Meanwhile, the Australians will play some later games, leading Conley to conclude the Fijians don't think they can beat the Aussies but have a good chance against the Kiwis in the Fijian heat.

But despite that, Conley is expecting his side to qualify for the play-offs in Israel.

"You have got to be positive. We want to be in Israel and once there we can have another crack at the Australians," he said.

If New Zealand make the play-offs then Conley won't make the same mistakes that occurred when he took the Youth All Whites to Syria in January 1989.

He said New Zea-



TERRY CONLEY

land were naive because they went into the series without enough preparation behind them, and it wasn't until the final game against Qatar that the side played well.

If they make it past the Oceania qualifiers, Conley wants the side to play in England or the United States before they go on to Israel.

— courtesy
NEW ZEALAND
SOCCER EXPRESS

The times — they are a changing

BY THE EDITOR

Mr Cattermole's topical piece has raised various interesting points, some with validity and others which many close observers will feel have already been caught up by the process of time in the Australian soccer and sports scene.

A few years ago the NSL controllers were captivated by the "joy" of having a Sydney-Melbourne competition.

For the sake of the future of Australian soccer as a whole, they have, with varying degrees of intensity, now had to face the reality of soccer generally and sport in the Australian way of life.

There is no reason why cities such as Newcastle, Brisbane and then Canberra should not be in the national competition provided they can satisfy the necessary criteria. (ie. the NSL needs to be regionalised if it is to achieve its true purpose).

When it comes to marketing, selling, promotion or whatever, soccer football has been swept — to a considerable extent — into the same cauldron in which the better known sports also have to survive.

Referring to the background of rugby and Australian rules, Mr Cattermole writes "These roots are now rotting away and youngsters support the fashionable teams they see performing on TV."

Despite our varying (and so often mixed) ethnic roots in soccer, the same media pressure works on all of us.

Certainly many major club followings will be ethnic, but everyone needs to be invited in.

The game won't expand if it just exists at top level on the handful of groups involved at present.

But revolutionary changes would be widespread if in one stroke the NSL was to obtain adequate commercial television cover.

I have other news for our valued correspondent.

If various Greek clubs in Melbourne were closed, one major Greek Melbourne club might well go broke renting the MCG.

After all, look what happens now.

The various Melbourne Greek clubs are playing in winter, leaving the summer to the NSL without opposition and crowds rarely beat 8,000 and average short of 5,000.



The big crowds at international matches involving the Socceroos in Australia are an indication that all segments of the community will follow a truly representative team — one for all Australians, not just ethnic factions.

Sure, these figures might be bettered given better promotion, but by how many?

Take the case of one NSL club president, who has done his homework in depth and is not merely theorising.

The base crowd of his club for an NSL game is actually more towards 3,000 and not the 5000 widely quoted.

He has done his sums, and the base crowd within 10 years will be 1,500, unless his club can appeal to a wider section of the population.

Remember, too, every time there is an outbreak of inter ethnic fighting (only a few engage in this fortunately) the chance of clubs increasing major sponsorships recedes.

And little will happen without that support.

Saying this is not to denigrate the improvements made to Australian Soccer as the result of postwar migration.

I have seen and analysed situations, Australia-wide but more particularly in NSW at first hand for 50 years.

Rest assured that many people have qualifications in marketing and other relevant disciplines, that have been or are being put to use in the code.

But a new era has been in the wings for many years past, awaiting discovery.

Why should not a Greek, Yugoslav, Britisher, Korean, Irishman, Scot or Australian etc etc in Newcastle, Brisbane and Canberra (or Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide)

have his own Australian NSL team to follow?

Start a fair proportion of the marketing from a highly important point.

42,000 people saw Australia play Israel in the World Cup at Sydney Football Stadium.

They came from every race under the Australian sun.

Should they be barred by the barriers so often evident in club football now?

It is a difficult task to bring them in.

I and many others believe prejudice has to go.

One Melbourne journal refers to St George as "Budapest" still.

Even though the club management calls it St George and in addition they refer to it proudly as an Australian club as they train youth drawn from many, many national backgrounds.

The Victorian model has produced 10,000 junior players, many spread in small migrant groups.

The NSW model has 120,000 or more, not even counting the many players who turn out for schools and not at weekends.

The Saulwick study two years ago for The Age and the Sydney Morning Herald on soccer was revealing.

Asking their interest in soccer, 9% interviewed in Melbourne indicated interest and 35% in Sydney.

This does not indicate intensity of interest, but it does tell a story about the need to spread the game and a major means by which it is done.

And ask any TV station — ABC, SBS or

commercial.

The same soccer program telecast in the two major Australian cities of similar population will often rate 2:1 in Sydney's favour.

Of course ethnic style tribalism will help soccer crowds, just as district or city tribalism helps other football codes.

Some of both varieties has died or is dying and some will last for years to come.

Melbourne was the crowd drawing capital for Australian soccer.

Sadly it did not spread the game enough, and now Sydney has bounded ahead.

No demographic break up figures for Victoria will alter that.

A few groups will succeed pro-tem — then what?

I remember when Melbourne Juventus claimed up to 20,000 crowds. And today?

And what of Apia-Leichhardt's former crowd glories?

And so on it goes.

The Melbourne and Sydney Croatia situations go against the trend for their own reasons.

There may be some resistance to regionalism in some NSL circles.

The principle of an NSL and the need for regionalisation has been enshrined in 1990 Australian soccer history, and set down by the NSL for the 1991/92 season.

Congratulations, Mr Cattermole, on your intense interest in the situation.

The subject matter of your letter goes to greater depths than many have plumbed before.

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But the Australian soccer scene has to be much wider indeed, and the points raised have been tried by others before.

The Bradley Report has at last put "Australianism" first.

This will take a long time to filter through, and it will happen first in Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane, Wollongong and perhaps Canberra.

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Australia as a whole is what it is all about, if soccer football is to gradually and surely expand on a firm base.

People of every national background and the hundreds of thousands of mixed race have to be invited into the game.

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Victoria's last ditch reform

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Changes

HERE are some pointers on various aspects where definite changes must be made to rules of the game.

I have written to the president of FIFA, J. Havelange, re the undermentioned.

Players' theatric antics, acting as if they are badly injured — diving and launching themselves deliberately must be discontinued.

Offside rule must be revised.

All general deliberate time-wasting tactics should definitely be penalised because negative tactics spoil the game and mar it as a spectacle.

Lessons to be learnt from the World Cup Italia '90:

Play must be more entertaining generally for the public and kept flowing.

Players generally overseas are paid far too much — far in excess of their real material work value.

Also players' techniques here in Australia are more primitive than advanced.

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Even fitness is no more than basic and we are short of genuine world class athletes.

We are NOT equal or better than our opponents in game organisation tactics.

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Heavy demand for Cameroun

BY LOU GAUTIER

IT won't be easy for Australia to tempt Cameroun to visit Australia — not in the immediate future anyhow.

For that reason, "France Football" says Cameroun is likely to play in France, Japan, England, Canada and West Germany in coming months, all countries likely to send tourists to the West African nation.

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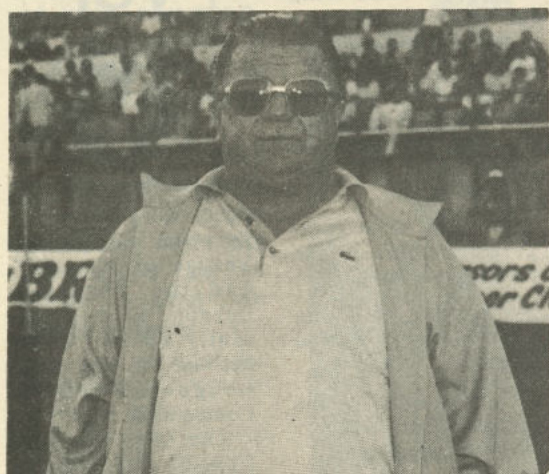
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Rica, Colombia, Canada, Guatemala, Israel, Thailand, India, Chile, Argentina, Holland, West Germany, France, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Japan and South Korea have all invited the "Indomitable Lions" from Africa.

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"But last weekend we lost 1-0 to Kuala Lumpur for the first time in 12 matches and slipped down to second spot.

"Selangor now leads the Malaysian National Soccer League.

"I'll have a week's holiday in Sydney from September 2.

"Soon I'll be off to China with the Singapore national team for the Asian Games.

"We have been invited to travel there with the national squad as guests and to train with the team."

Changes

HERE are some pointers on various aspects where definite changes must be made to rules of the game.

I have written to the president of FIFA, J. Havelange, re the undermentioned.

Players' theatric antics, acting as if they are badly injured — diving and launching themselves deliberately must be discontinued.

Offside rule must be revised.

All general deliberate time-wasting tactics should definitely be penalised because negative tactics spoil the game and mar it as a spectacle.

Lessons to be learnt from the World Cup Italia '90:

Play must be more entertaining generally for the public and kept flowing.

Players generally overseas are paid far too much — far in excess of their real material work value.

Also players' techniques here in Australia are more primitive than advanced.

Their tactical knowledge and finesse are insufficient.

Even fitness is no more than basic and we are short of genuine world class athletes.

We are NOT equal or better than our opponents in game organisation tactics.

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Heavy demand for Cameroun

BY LOU GAUTIER

IT won't be easy for Australia to tempt Cameroun to visit Australia — not in the immediate future anyhow.

For that reason, "France Football" says Cameroun is likely to play in France, Japan, England, Canada and West Germany in coming months, all countries likely to send tourists to the West African nation.

By the time Cameroun gets to Australia, if they ever do, the novelty may have well and truly worn out.

The mass-circulation "France Football" reports that since Cameroun stole the limelight at Italia '90, the Cameroun FA has been swamped with offers to send the national team abroad.

Besides Australia, which is mentioned in the French weekly's article, Austria, England, Brazil, Costa



Rica, Colombia, Canada, Guatemala, Israel, Thailand, India, Chile, Argentina, Holland, West Germany, France, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Japan and South Korea have all invited the "Indomitable Lions" from Africa.

Australia's chances of getting Cameroun are slight because the Camerounian government wants to use its national team to sell the country to tourists, and how many tourists from Australia are likely to visit Cameroun?

Westy tops in Northern NSW

BY ROGER LANGDON

WEST Wallsend are the current leaders of the Northern NSW competition.

Their recent match against Highfields Azzurri was a highly entertaining and very close game with Azzurri putting up some great teamwork.

The first goal was the doing of Azzurri's Brett Eldridge, who hit brilliantly along the deck on the turn past Westy goalkeeper John Russell, the former national youth star.

Westy equalised the score in the 70th minute when sweeper David Wilson put one in from a penalty after Bernie Ryan was brought down by Azzurri goalkeeper Michael Kmet.

A handball denied another goal five minutes later for Westy and they had to wait five more before a high cross at the far post was executed by Ryan.

Adamstown also kept the pressure on Westy, if indirectly, when they made a kill of 3-0 on Toronto-Awaba.

Stockton's late 2-1 win against Cardiff ended the latter's chance of grabbing the last top four spot.

The Weston Bears' 3-1 win over Edgeworth has put Stockton back into fourth place.

Lake Macquarie City beat Belmont-Swansea 2-0.

Playing Toronto, Adamstown eagerly turned several of the opposition's raids into

attacks, but failed to score from a number of easy chances. However, they scored in the second half for a 2-0 victory.



— Pic courtesy Newcastle Herald.
Steve Dorman, the Adamstown Rosebud and former Newcastle NSL keeper, picks one out of the air in the match against Toronto-Awaba. Adamstown won 2-0.

St George's innovative season ticket scheme

PROGRESSIVE NSL club St George has arranged a trip to Wembley Stadium for two lucky people to attend the 1991 FA Cup final.

The scheme operates in conjunction with their season tick-

et promotion, and they aim to sell 1,000 to fans in their extensive district.

This year the club has many new names, with the board of directors led by C.Acsai, and including A.Lovell, L.Bordacs, K.Russell, J.Hines, F.Arok, J.Warren, T.Rowney, F.Dyson

and T.Balaszi.

In the NSL the Saints will be relying on the stream of young talent that Frank Arok and his coaching team have unearthed.

"This is an Australian club, and players come from as many cultural backgrounds as you can imagine," Arok said.

Adoring Anfield farewells Dalglish

LIVERPOOL: Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish hung up his playing boots in style on Tuesday night, receiving a hero's welcome from 30,400 fans in his testimonial game against Real Sociedad at Anfield here.

Dalglish, calling it a day at 39, set up two goals and could have scored a hat-trick as the Reds beat the Spaniards 3-1.

The bumper gate meant that the former Scottish international earned another £150,000 (\$354,200) to officially mark the end of his illustrious playing career.

The stamina and agility of his magnificent days with Celtic and Liverpool may have gone, but the famed guile was undiluted.

After 36 minutes, Dalglish slid a precise through ball to Steve McMahon, who beat the goalkeeper Jose Luis Gonzalez to run the ball home.

Three minutes later the manager again split the defence for Ian Rush to score through the keeper's legs.

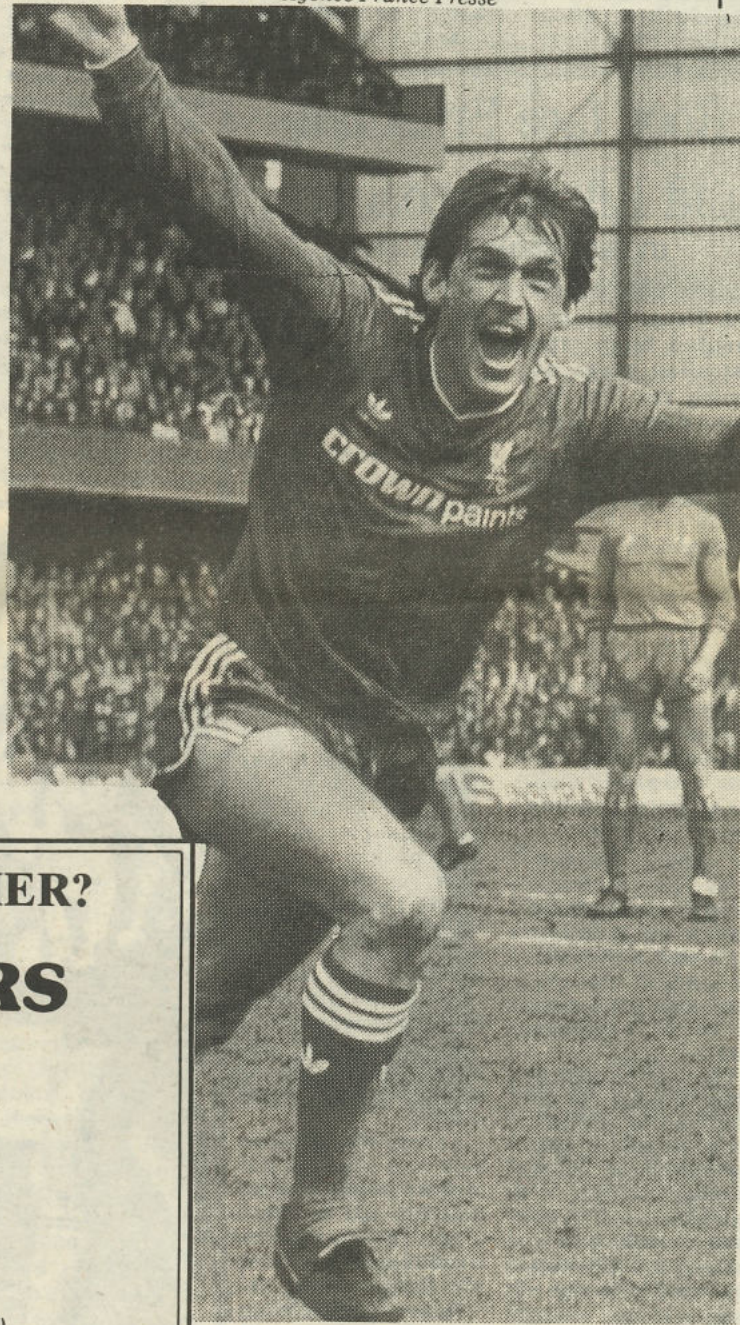
Dalglish almost scored with a 16th minute diving header and from a shot which bounced just wide eight minutes later.

After 55 minutes John Barnes picked out Dalglish in the Real area. He chested down neatly but drove just over into the Kop.

The end came after 74 minutes when the No.7 board was held up from the bench, moments after an offside flag had denied Dalglish the goal everyone had yearned for him. He handed his shirt to a fan and ran off to an emotional standing ovation.

After 61 minutes half-time substitute Juan Mentxaka pulled a goal back, but three minutes later Ray Houghton put Rush through to chip the 'keeper.

Agence France Presse



Kenny Dalglish celebrates a goal at Anfield during his playing days. Dalglish's Liverpool last Saturday drew 1-1 with Manchester United in the Charity Shield match at Wembley which was shown live on SBS-TV.

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AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS

POKIES FOR VICTORIA?

SOCCER and Australian rules in Victoria will join forces to lobby for the introduction of poker machines in the state.

QNSL chairman Sam Papisavas is to meet with the ASF next week to discuss tactics.

Victorian clubs don't need to be convinced they will never be able to compete with their NSW counterparts unless they too have access to the revenue from poker machines.

Papisavas said the introduction of poker machines would enable the VSF to build permanent headquarters at Olympic Park, including a licensed club.

The QNSL chairman points to Marconi as a club whose revenue from poker machines allowed it to become the best run soccer outfit in the country, on the verge of becoming fulltime.



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Queensland's own beer

Goals at premium for play-offs

BY GREG RUSSELL

SOMEONE has to start scoring goals for Brisbane Lions if the Queensland club is to maintain any realistic hopes of winning the National League promotion play-offs.

Lions gained the right to represent Queensland against the Victorian and South Australian champions when they clinched the XXXX League premiership last week.

But typical of their recent form, the point they needed to seal the title came through a scoreless draw with defending champions North Star.

While the Lions' defence again proved why it has been the least beaten this season, their side's forwards also showed they are yet to snap out of their drought which has produced only a handful of goals in the past six weeks.

Their attacking malaise has become so bad, the frontrunners are no longer just missing sitters, they are now not even getting into scoring positions.

Against North Star,



FRANK MENGOTTI

the most penetrating attack came from surging runs from sweeper Frank Mengotti and optimistic long range attempts from midfielders, most notable Russell Stewart.

In their defence, matches against North Star are always tight affairs and with 15 minutes to go, many of the Lions players were clearly happy to settle for the draw.

But that won't be an option when they take on South Australian champions Adelaide Hellas on September 5 (Hindmarsh) and the following Sunday at Perry Park, or matches against the yet-to-be-

decided Victorian premiers later in the month.

Lions will have to score goals if they want to be in the National League, and many rate their current side as inferior to that which won its way into the 1988 NSL with a comprehensive two-leg win over Adelaide Hellas.

That Lions team included Dave Wheeler,

who finished the season with 10 goals, Brett Druery, the side's leading scorer with 11, Scottish import Jim Morton, a nine-goal contributor and New Zealander Grant Lightbown, who proved a sensation in the play-offs.

Also gone from that Lions team are John Ogden, Alan Niven and Rothmans medal winner Keith Marsh.

Coach Frank Liddell is confident his side will rise to the challenge.

"It's been very difficult to maintain our high standards this year because the standard of matches has fluctuated so much from week to week," he said.

"We haven't scored as many goals as I would have liked, but our defence has been solid and that's a great base to work from for the promotion play-offs.

"I've got faith in the players that they will lift their game for the matches against the Southern sides. We've been there before and we know how tough it's going to be and that will spark us back into goalscoring form."



Striker Noel Carroll flying high for Pine Rivers.

Brisbane Lions stalk a 1990 NSL position

FROM PAT McERLEAN

THE big news in Queensland has been the announcement by Brisbane Lions XXXX League Premiers for 1990 that they will contest the NSL play-offs.

Brisbane City were the last Queensland team to attempt the play-offs back in 1988 against Heidelberg and as history shows they were not successful in their attempt.

Brisbane Lions, although gaining the premiership for the 1990 season, have displayed indifferent form in the last six to eight matches.

At the beginning of the season, they were winning their matches at will.

Maybe Adelaide Hellas and the yet to be named Victorian team will witness the professional football Brisbane Lions are capable of playing.

If the bounce of the ball goes the way of the Brisbane team in the play-offs and they secure entry into the summer NSL competition it will be like



Brisbane Lions' David Hunter.

Christmas come early to the Queensland supporters.

It has certainly been along time since Queensland soccer had representatives in NSL ranks.

The whole episode has been uncanny.

Queensland soccer has been waiting on the side line for years to be returned to the NSL competition.

Then comes the Bradley Report, which

is a ray of hope for a NSL team and then the Bradley Report was finally adopted for Queensland.

Graham Bradley writes in not only one team from Queensland for the NSL Competition, but two for season 1991.

Now Brisbane Lions go to the 1990 play-offs after the long wait.

They are almost destined to be successful, but in reality we will have to wait and see.

Parkinson uneasy over Sunshine Coast ruling

A lack of finance has forced a Sunshine soccer lover to abandon a legal fight against his local association and ultimately has prompted him to quit the game.

Former Woombye Soccer Club president Alan Parkinson has severed all ties with the code after withdrawing legal action against the Sunshine Coast Soccer Association.

Parkinson sought a Supreme Court injunction because the association, with Queensland Soccer Federation backing, ordered the club to pay local referees in cash and not by cheque.

Parkinson insisted the handing over of cash was not possible under the club's constitution and was illegal. The matter went to court when the local association took games away from the Woombye ground.

A hearing against that move cost Parkinson and others \$2000 and to press ahead with further legal action was set to drain their finances.

"We just couldn't afford to go to court," he said.

"I still believe I was right in the stand I took and I know I have broken no rules."

Parkinson resigned all positions within the code and bitterly turned his back on the sport he loved.

"I am disappointed and shattered that it should come to this," he said.

Sunnybank High tops in Turner Cup

SUNNYBANK High are Queensland's representatives in this year's Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup soccer knockout competition.

The southern suburbs school, which has a strong soccer and sporting reputation, beat Nambour High in the State final.

Sunnybank were drawn to meet NSW North Coast side Richmond River at Perry Park last Sunday in a cup quarter-final.

Sunnybank won the Queensland section of the Bill Turner Cup, being played in the State for the first time, with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over their Sunshine Coast rivals.

The Brisbane team led 2-0 at halftime thanks to a well worked goal of their own and own goal from Nambour just prior to the break.

But Nambour staged a spirited second half comeback and were rewarded with a late

goal, from the penalty spot.

Forty Queensland teams contested the Bill Turner Cup, with the state divided into two zones.

Sunnybank reached the final after a 4-3 penalties win in a "derby" match with Mount Gravatt, a 9-0 thrashing of Nerang, a 5-4 penalties win over the luckless Shailer Park, a comfortable 5-0 win over Merrimac and a controversial 1-0 win against Redbank Plains.

Nambour reached the Queensland final by sweeping past local rivals Maleny 5-0, downing Bayside teams De La Salle and Clontarf 1-0, a 4-3 penalty wins over the competitive Redeemer College and a 1-0 victory over Bunderberg's Shalom College.

The Sunnybank win continued the school's outstanding soccer reputation, which includes producing one of Brisbane's best homegrown players, Steve Dolan.

Collision course over future Canberra NSL representation

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Croatia's attempt to put a team into the Quit National League has been jolted, with ACT Soccer Federation president Ron Watkins saying he will not give a declaration of support for the bid.

Stressing that his was a personal opinion not necessarily shared by all members of his executive, Watkins said Canberra Croatia was playing in the NSW State League, a competition which did not concern the ACT.

"As president of the Federation my job is to develop the standard of the game among the clubs in the ACT — I will not be doing that by favouring one club over the others," he said.

"If Croatia wants to gain promotion to the National League by winning the NSW State League that is its affair. It will have done so as a NSW identity, not a Canberra one."

Watkins said the Federation was pressing ahead with its own blueprint for the code in Canberra which would include putting a team into the QNSL in 1991-92 under the conditions of the Bradley Report into Australian soccer.

"I would love Croatia to be part of such a joint effort but would emphasise it would be as an equal partner, not a dominant one."

Asked what would happen if Croatia was already in the competition when the ACT put forward its own application, he said Croatia would have the choice of supporting the ACT bid or trying to find a place as one of the four NSW entries proposed under the Bradley Report.

He agreed that a situation where there were two QNSL clubs based in the ACT would not be feasible.

And Watkins rejected

a proposal put forward by Croatia official Frank Crnkovic for a company with 51 percent of the capital supplied by Croatia and 49 percent by the ACT Soccer Federation.

"It has to be on the basis of equal shares for all clubs," he said.

Crnkovic said he had been pressing for a meeting with the ACTSF executive for some time.

"But it always seems to be put off for one reason or another."

"We are trying to promote the game in the ACT by getting a team into the highest league and all we are asking is that, on the day we make formal application, the president and executive of the ACT Soccer Federation stands in our support," he said.

"They have told us that they do not like the name 'Croatia'. I know that if we dropped it now 50 percent of our current support would walk away."

"If we can be assured we will not lose support by changing our name and colours then we will consider doing it."

He said that under the 51-49 percent proposal "anything would be negotiable".

"But we do not wish to return to the days when the old Canberra City Griffiths were getting crowds of 300." (Croatia's current average is around 1100.)

Crnkovic said he would continue to press for a meeting with the ACTSF "in an attempt to resolve our differences".

Watkins' stand drew fire from a former senior official of the ACTSF. Barry Rumble, who has held the positions of Junior League chairman and Federation vice president, said he was surprised and distressed at Watkins' comments.

"While he has said it is a personal opinion,

most people will associate it with the Federation," he said.

"Given the nature of the issue I am surprised that he should go public without first testing the views of the member clubs because, despite any position the executive might take, it does not have the authority to make policy on matters which do not directly relate to the administration of soccer in the ACT," he said.

And Rumble, who stepped down from the executive last year, criticised suggestions that the Bradley Report into Australian soccer precluded the use of ethnic names in the NSL.

"It does not, although there are clear references to the need for all clubs to retain district names," he said.

"Mr Watkins is also wrong to claim that Canberra Croatia is playing a competition which does not concern the ACT."

"The constitution of the ACTSF allows up to two of its members to belong to a league recognised by the ASF... which includes clubs from no less than two member Federations of the ASF."

"The NSW League clearly fits into this category with representatives from NSW, Northern NSW and the ACT."



ACT LEAGUE

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Charity match

BY ALLAN CRISP

FOUNDATION SA State League champion Adelaide Hellas has challenged the South Australian team to a grudge match to aid charity on Sunday, September 2.

Club president Michael Aronis has sought approval to stage the game from the South Australian Soccer Federation.

Hellas prepares

Adelaide Hellas coach Sam Salapesidis is leaving no stone unturned in his efforts to ensure his team gives a good account of itself in the upcoming NSL play-offs.

Last weekend Salapesidis watched Heidelberg down Green Gully 3-1 and this weekend he plans to jet off to Queensland to see champion side Brisbane Lions in action.

Cumberland United midfielder Kevin McCormack also was in Melbourne last weekend to train with Victorian NSL club Sunshine George Cross.

But the English recruit, who played for South Australia during its Independence Day tournament triumph in Vanuatu, is unlikely to sign for Sunshine as it has no visa vacancy.

Adelaide City will begin its preparation for the 1990-91 NSL summer season by playing Polonia at Polonia Reserve on September 8.

City also is exploring the possibility of playing games in Melbourne or Sydney against other NSL opposition before the season kicks-off on October 5.

"We would have to enter some sort of expense sharing arrangement if we are to play interstate," said City coach Zoran Matic yesterday.

"We are also looking to play other local State League clubs to warm up for the season."

HINDMARSH STADIUM Top ground a boggy mess

BY ALLAN CRISP

HINDMARSH Stadium, renowned for its excellent playing surface, has suffered a pitch deterioration and now resembles a marsh.

Once known as the Wembley of South Australia, Hindmarsh is sadly suffering from the abuse of overuse.

Hindmarsh Stadium, as the headquarters of the South Australian Soccer Federation, is shared by SA's two biggest clubs, Adelaide City and Adelaide Hellas.

Since City sold its Olympic Sports Field clubrooms to the SA Amateur Athletics Association, it has played its home games at Hindmarsh.

With both clubs playing their home matches at Hindmarsh and with a variety of cup games programmed for the ground, the pitch has become a boggy mess.

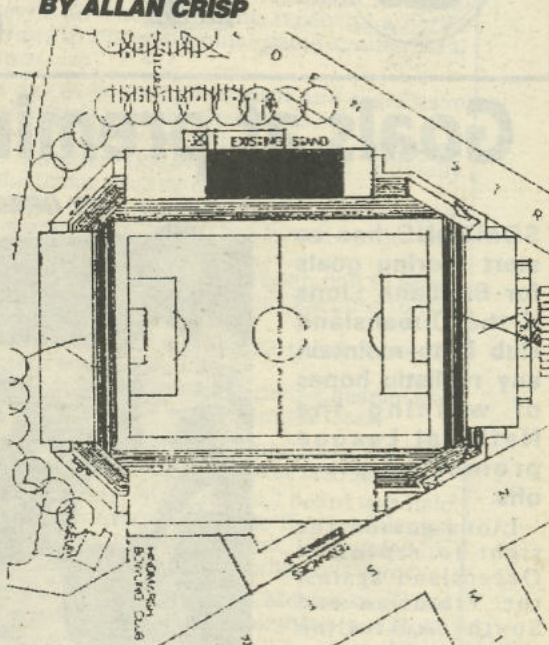


The problem has worsened because West End Premier Cup games have been programmed as mid-week double headers at the stadium.

Despite the care and attention lavished on the surface by a dedicated ground staff, the pitch has been ravaged by heavy rains and too many boot studs in recent weeks.

Adelaide City is as concerned about the problem as is the Federation and is prepared to play as many as its first five NSL games away from home to assist rehabilitation of the Hindmarsh surface.

The irony of the situation is that Hindmarsh Stadium is cur-



Plans for the \$4 million upgrading of Hindmarsh Stadium.

rently undergoing a \$4 million facelift.

Work started last month on a new \$735,000, 1200-lux lighting system with four towers which will transform Hindmarsh into the best lit stadium in Australia.

There will be a new four level grandstand with undercover sea-

ting for 4000 people, corporate boxes, public and private bars, function rooms, restaurant, new administration wings and new media room.

That work is scheduled to be completed by December 1991, but in the meantime, the Hindmarsh pitch battle continues.

City resigns Ivanovich

ADELAIDE City sweeper Milan Ivanovich has signed a one-year contract with the NSL club after settling his contract dispute.

"We offered him the option of a one or two year contract and he opted for a one-year contract," said City coach Zoran Matic yesterday.

Meanwhile, City is awaiting an answer from Sunshine George Cross after making an official approach for Socceroo Ernie Tapai.

George Cross officials are adamant they will not release the lively midfielder/striker to either City or South Melbourne because he has another year of his contract to run.



Milan Ivanovich

ADELAIDE HELLAS

ADELAIDE HELLAS — 1989/90 & DOWN THE YEARS

OPPONENT	HOME	AWAY	FINALS	CUP	TOTAL	RECORD WIN	RECORD DEFEAT
Adel. City	13 4 1 8 12 23	11 1 2 8 7 19	-----	9 4 1 4 8 9	33 9 4 20 27 51	3-1 1982 (cup)	0-3 1981+84 (both home)+80(cup)
APIA	6 4 0 2 14 12	7 1 1 6 2 14	-----	-----	13 5 1 7 16 24	5-2 1982 (home)	0-4 1980 (home)
Blacktown	3 2 0 1 6 5	4 0 0 4 2 11	-----	1 0 1 0 0 0	8 2 1 5 8 16	4-2 1980 (home)	0-4 1981 (away)
Marconi	8 2 1 5 7 9	8 2 0 6 8 14	1 0 0 1 0 2	-----	17 4 1 12 15 25	3-1 1983 (away)	0-4 1990 (away)
Melita	1 0 1 0 2 2	1 0 0 1 0 2	-----	-----	2 0 1 1 2 4	-----	0-2 1990 (away)
Melb. Croatia	4 0 1 3 2 12	4 1 2 1 4 5	-----	-----	8 1 3 4 6 17	2-1 1986 (away)	0-4 1984 (home)
Preston	7 4 1 2 14 4	7 0 4 3 3 12	-----	-----	14 4 5 5 16 17	5-1 1982 (home)	1-5 1984 (away)
Sth Melb	12 4 1 7 11 18	11 3 1 7 13 25	-----	-----	23 7 2 14 24 43	3-1 1978+84	0-5 1981 (away) (both home)
St George	8 3 3 2 10 11	7 1 1 5 2 12	-----	-----	15 4 4 7 12 23	1-0	0-4 1990 (away) 1978(away)+81,83,90 (all home)
S.Geo.Cross	5 2 1 2 11 4	5 1 1 3 5 9	-----	-----	10 3 2 5 16 13	7-0 1984 (home)	0-2 1984 (away)
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Syd. Olympic	7 2 1 4 2 7	7 3 0 4 12 12	-----	-----	14 5 1 8 14 19	4-0 1977 (away)	0-4 1990 (home)
Wollongong	4 2 2 0 9 2	4 0 1 3 2 12	-----	-----	8 2 3 3 11 14	4-0 1982 (home)	0-7 1990 (away)

★ NOTE — 1990 DENOTES 1989/90 SEASON / FINALS OR CUP MATCHES DECIDED ON PENALTIES ARE SHOWN AS DRAWN GAMES ★

RICHMOND RIVER THROUGH TO QUARTER FINALS



RICHMOND River Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup team reached the quarter-finals thanks to a hard fought 3-0 victory over Wauchope.

Heavy rain earlier in the week had made all the city grounds unplayable so it was decided to move the game out of Lismore and up to the Kadina High School ground.

Richmond River took advantage of a strong westerly wind which saw the ball sweep to their strong left flank.

In just a few minutes they were one up when

Tony McLean rounded the Wauchope defence and gave goalkeeper Matthew Bloomfield no chance.

Fifteen minutes later he gave a repeat dose to send the home side two goals up at half-time.

Andrew Vidler made a strong run midway through the second half for a 3-0 lead, the scoreline at full-time.

In the last fifteen minutes the two coaches, Colin Blake, Richmond River, and Mrs Rhonda Bloomfield, Wauchope, took all the options with substitutes but there

was no change to the scoreline.

Of particular interest was the Richmond River substitute Rachel Taylor who played out on the right wing.

A little tentative early, it took a somewhat solid tackle to make her realise the strength of the opposition.

From then on her play matched that of the Wauchope defenders.

Richmond River High 3 (Tony McLean 2, Andrew Vidler) defeated Wauchope High 0. Played at Kadina. Referee: Mr Robert Pearce.

Nambour State High



UNDER their astute coach Peter Sinclair, the Nambour State High School Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup squad has had a great 1990 season.

Up to the time of writing they had defeated Maleny 5-0, De la Salle, Scarborough 1-0, Clondarf 1-0, Redeemer Lutheran College, Rosedale 4-3 on penalties, and in the Area 1 Final, Shalom Catholic College, Bundaberg 2-0.

The team has enjoyed a wealth of possession in the games due to the ball winning capabilities of the full-backs Shane Garven,

Dean Ashton, Matt Cleaver and Tom Parkinson.

The midfielders Allan Murray, Craig Paulette and Dave Hutchison are tireless workers.

Luck has not shined too brightly on forwards Bryon Walters and Rohan Briggs but their goals have been vital in those tight encounters.

Coach Sinclair lays considerable credit and praise on goalkeeper Jeremy Billingham who has blotted out every team. Three goals in a penalty shootout was a very meagre blemish.

Training has not been a bother to the lads and their goal is certainly Newcastle come September 4.

Turner Cup function

SEMI-FINAL teams competing in the 1990 Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup for school under 15 sides will receive a special welcome on Tuesday September 4.

This will be held at the Centre Court in the huge Charlestown Square centre in Newcastle at 11.30am and will be followed by a light luncheon.



Warrilla High School: Regional Winners: Commonwealth Bank, Bill Turner Cup.

Warilla made it through to the final 32 teams of the prestigious Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup for U15 schoolboy soccer teams. The Bill Turner Cup is the largest knock-out competition of its kind, there being over 400 schools entered from NSW, ACT, Victoria and Queensland.

Because of rain, the semi-finals and finals were played on the same day (Saturday, 4th August), at the Coniston Indoor Soccer Stadium.

Warilla defeated Corimal 4-1 and Wollongong downed Shoalhaven 8-0 in the semis, and in the final Warilla just edged Wollongong 5-4 on corners after the game ended 1-1 at the end of regulation time.

The Bill Turner Cup is normally a full-field competition but the semi final and final were played under Futsal rules because of the necessity to get a winner so that the region could be represented in the rest of the competition.

Warilla's next game was against North Albury High School at Albury. The winner of that game plays the winner of the South Sydney Region.

On the way to the finals, Warilla downed Woonona 3-1, Lake Illawarra 1-0, and Nowra 1-0.

Regional organiser, Ed Utterlinden of Corimal High School, expressed his pleasure with the way the competition has gone this year. The standard of play has been excellent and the games have been played in good spirit.

The four semi-finalist made the change to indoor rules with enthusiasm and again the standard of play was outstanding, especially considering the change of format.

Falzon tribute

West Wanderers United Soccer Club are still in mourning over the sudden and tragic loss of their favourite son ... David Falzon.

David was critically injured in an industrial accident that occurred on Thursday August 9 at Marrickville and he sadly died of his injuries the following day.

An emergency players meeting was called on Friday evening to inform the players of the distressing news.

Understandable scenes of shock, disbelief and passionate expression of grief for their 'mate' followed from the players, officials and friends that were present that evening.

After short stints with Polonia and Blacktown United, he transferred to the Holroyd-based West Wanderers, where he played first grade continually for the past five years.

Besides his successes on the soccer pitch, David was a fine cricketer as well and played grade cricket for Hawkesbury.

David was such a 'giant' in character, ability and overall courage and his absence in future is automatically replaced by his inspirational presence that still lives on with his family, friends and team-mates.

David's career in soccer commenced with the Blacktown Workers juniors.

He went on to play Youth League with Blacktown City and later on continued with their seniors.

— FRED TALIANA

WAUCHOPE HIGH SCHOOL



Off he goes again, Richmond Rivers' speedster Mathew Lampard scorches down the field during the final of the NSW Far North Coast Commonwealth Bank Cup against Tweed River High. Playing top class football Richmond River surged away to win 8-0. From left clockwise: Tim Pinter TR, Stephen Lees TR Capt, Nathan Bishop TR, Anthony Bishop RR, Glen Fields Capt RR, Daniel Roselen RR, Glen Swain TR, and Mathew Lampard.

1990 NSWCHS State Championships

BY LINDSAY HEWISON

METROPOLITAN East Region retained the NSW Combined High Schools State Championships held at the NSW Soccer Federation, Parklea, with some dogged performances in their semi-final and final encounters against Metropolitan West and South Coast respectively.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1989 Met. East
1988 Met. West
1987 Met. Southwest
1986 Met. West
1985 Met. West
1984 Met. East
1983 Met. East
1982 St George
1981 South Coast
1980 Central Metropolitan
1979 North Sydney
1978 South Coast
1976 South Coast

Coast.
Extra time loomed before a handling mistake by the South

sented by former schoolboy winner Robert Wheatley.

Despite some inconsistent results in earlier games, Met. East gained a semi spot after Met. North faltered in their last game in group A.

Without question the best team at the championship was Metropolitan West who dominated Pool B, winning all four games and not conceding a goal.

South Coast/also undefeated, were the pick of Group A.

In a tense and fluctuating semi final South Coast overcame Hunter by three goals to two, despite being a player down.

Player of the tournament

1989 Cesar Mora (Met. East)
1988 Kerry Agiasotis (Met. Sth West)
1987 Milan Blagojevic (Met. Sth West)
1986 Russell Gendle (Met. West)
1985 Brian Ellem (Met. North)
1984 Paul Foster (North Coast)
1983 Steve Waugh (Liverpool) now Met. South West

Whilst the 2nd semi final was dominated from start to finish by Metropolitan West, a retaken penalty against the run of play earned Metropolitan East a final spot.

In the final, Met. East had grabbed a 1-0 lead by half-time before a fine free-kick by Vasquez levelled the score for the South

Coast goalkeeper gave Met. East the 1990 State Championship.

At the conclusion of the tournament Troy Halpin from Hunter Region was named player-of-the-tournament, justly rewarded for some fine performances throughout the series.

This award was pre-



MET. EAST: left to right: back row: Peter Tsekenis, George Naoumis, Serkan Aktas. Middle row: Jason Aiello, Kon Tsaousidis, Clinton Meagher (capt), John Sklias, Mirko Jurils, David Jirsa (manager). Front row: Paul Dee, Remyle Galloway, Sam Solidakis, Scott Allan, Pablo Cardozo, Michael Reda. Absent: Adem Poric.

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- Applications close on the August 31, 1990.

Benefit on Sunday for David Falzon

A benefit day for a State League third division player who was killed in a work accident two weeks ago will be held at the Gabbie Stadium this Sunday.

David Falzon was club captain of West Wanderers and a former Blacktown City player. His funeral was held last Friday.

All proceeds from Sunday's benefit will go to David's wife. The day will start at 11am and Blacktown City will play West Wanderers in both reserve and first grades, with the main game at 3pm.

— BRAD EARL (see story, Page 19)

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE 18th SEPT 1990

U13: Sthn Branch v Sydney Olympic 1-1 5-4p, U14: Warringah v Melita 2-0, U15: Sthn & Eastern v Marconi 3-2, U17: Melita v Croatia 0-3.

U13: Gladesville v Macarthur 1-3, U14: Gladesville v Marconi 1-3, U15: Rockdale v Croatia 1-2, U17: Polonia v Blacktown City 0-2.

FINALS

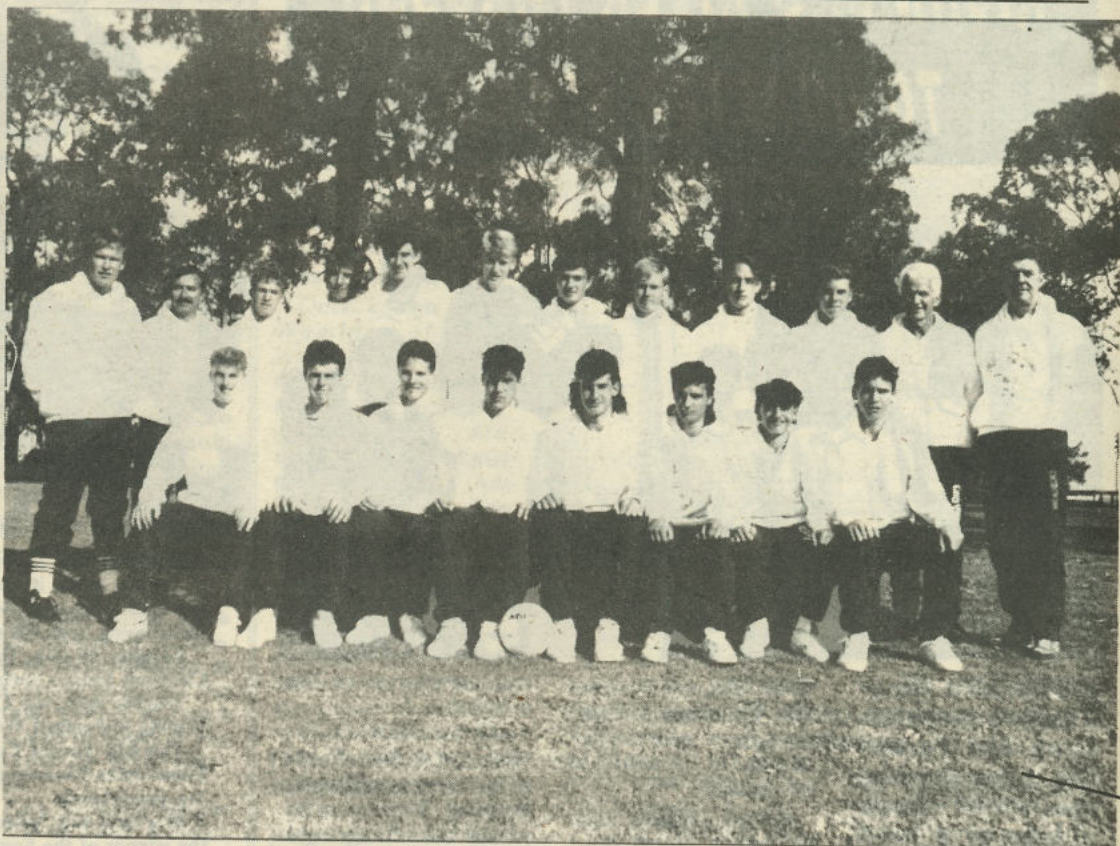
U13: Blacktown City v Macarthur, U14: St George v Marconi, U15: St George v Croatia, U17: Manly v Blacktown City.

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NSW U/16 1990 Talent Identification Squad



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1990 NSW Combined High Schools Commonwealth Bank Cup and Shield

THE Statewide knock-out competition for both boys and girls high school teams has reached the quarter final stage with the competition front-runners gaining berths in the final 8.

In the boys draw, last year's winners, Hurstville steamrolled Doonside 5-0.

Whilst the tournament's most impressive form continued from Dulwich Hill with a 4-0 win over the Hunter's Belmont squad.

Figtree accounted for Shoalhaven in the South Coast final and play Fairvale, the 1988 runners-up.

On the North Coast Umina walloped Wallsend 7-1 and play Wauchope, winners on penalties against Oxley in the round of 16.

Also bowing out of this year's competition are Riverina champions Albury North Cromer from the Met. North Region and Bathurst, who were beaten at home by Blacktown Boys.

In the girls' competition, pacesetters Glendale and James Ruse had comfortable wins and are on course for a replay of last year's final.

Impressive wins also came from Kirrawee over a strong Raymond Terrace squad 2-1 and Bass from Sydney's Southwest over Griffith from the Riverina 5-1.

GIRLS-FINAL 16 DRAW

South Coast (1) EDEN	SHOALHAVEN
South Coast (2) Shoalhaven	
Met. South West (1) East Hills	
Met. North (2) Carlingford	
Western Kelso	JAMES RUSE
Met. West (1) James Ruse	
Met. East (2) Kirrawee	KIRRAWEE
Hunter (2) Raymond Terrace	
North Coast SOUTH GRAFTON	SOUTH GRAFTON
North West DUAL	
Hunter (1) GLENDALE	GLENDALE
Met. North (1) MANLY	
Met. West (2) BIDWILL	GYMEA
Met. East (1) GYMEA	
Riverina GRIFFITH	BASS
Met. South West (2) BASS	

BOYS-FINAL 16 DRAW

South Coast (1) FIGTREE	FIGTREE
South Coast (2) Shoalhaven	
Met. South West (1) Fairvale	FAIRVALE
Met. North (2) Cromer	
Western Bathurst	BLACKTOWN BOYS
Met. West (1) Blacktown Boys	
Met. East (2) Dulwich	DULWICH
Hunter (2) Belmont	
North Coast Wauchope (1A pm)	WAUCHOPE
North West OXLEY	
Hunter (1) WALLSEND	UMINA
Met. North (1) UMINA	
Met. West (2) Doonside	HURSTVILLE
Met. East (1) Hurstville	
Riverina Albury North	WESTFIELDS
Met. South West (2) Westfields	

Also into the final eight are Shoalhaven, South Grafton and Gynea.

Winners of the quarter finals (this being the 7th round of this statewide elimination series) will meet during the day of Friday, August 24, at the NSW





THE question of how many times a week, and how long a player in the National Soccer League trains each week, is something that continually comes up when talking to junior players during school visits.

Now that many NSL clubs have begun that ritual which aims to prepare players physically for kicks off day in early October — the question becomes most relevant.

For a six to eight week period before the beginning of the season most clubs will train four times a week with the main purpose of training being conditioning.

The length of the exercise session and the selection of activities becomes the personal choice of the coach and, often, the assistant or trainer.

While training must be designed to meet the basic needs of each individual, the different demands of each position in soccer require a well planned program.

Unfortunately there are no short cuts in the pre-season workouts and normally long runs, around 45 minutes, are the order of the day.

Running over different surfaces (road, grass, sand) and changing terrains (flat ground, slopes, steep hills) is also a common pre-season training

practice.

Ask someone who has survived a legendary Frank Arok pre-season welcome, or a Mike Urakalo or Casey De Bruin Sunday morning special and their reply will be short and to the point, "IT KILLS".

The Mariani — Marconi sessions at Cronulla beach on a Sunday morning seemed an enjoyable way to start training, before the 1989 season.

The warm up on hard sand had everyone in good spirits.

After six repetitions of a mid-sized sand dune the players were happy with what they had achieved and were ready to return.

The following four runs up a steep, never ending hill had a variety of outcomes.

Some finished, but were gasping for breath.

Others came close to collapsing, Bobby Catlin watched.

All had jelly legs.

The jog back to the car park was slow and painful.

Australian soccer remains a semi-professional occupation but it is obvious that the commitment to endure pre-season and survive six months of competition requires full-time effort and dedication.

That is precisely what 14 squads of NSL players around the country have to look forward to in the next two months.

Good luck fellas!

Ex Olympic stars shine with Captain Socceroo

BY PETER BERRY

WHERE do two Olympic stars of yesteryear play today? Lemnos, of course.



Peter Raskopoulos

I recently transferred from Mike Johnson's Southern Districts to John Doyle's Lemnos, a well-placed club in the NSW Federation League 3.

I knew the side would basically contain up and coming youngsters, but I was completely surprised to see old Yugal team mate Chris Thamnides and former Socceroo Peter Raskopoulos attending training.

What an education for the Lemnos players.

1. To be coached by an ex-Australian international, former Captain Socceroo, John Doyle.

2. Sharing the same pitch with Rasko and Chris, playing with class players and receiving their advice in my opinion is one of the best soccer apprenticeships.

'Rasko' may be a shade on the heavy

side, may not have trained for 18 months due to a chronic back problem, and be close to thirty but he is indeed a quality footballer.

Heads were down recently as we changed to do battle in the local derby against Cyprus because Raskopoulos, as the brains of the team, the settler and playmaker, was sick.

Rasko arrived just prior to kick off and decided to pull on the Lemnos colours, sick or not.

The atmosphere changed immediately and we all left the dressing room in high spirits.

The match resulted in a scoreless draw, with Lemnos playing the better football.

The main highlights were Rasko's composure on the ball and his switch of play with well timed passes.

And Chris, not showing his age at 36, tormented the opposition defenders with incredible trickery and speed.

On many occasions he turned defenders inside out before delivering his sweeping crosses.

Unfortunately for us we don't have a Graham Arnold to connect at the other end.

But what Lemnos does have is young players full of heart, eager to improve their skills, who are not too proud to listen and learn from older heads such as Rasko and Chris.

Redbank Plains State High School



ONE goal put the talented Redbank Plains Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup side out of this year's

competition.

That goal came in the Area 2 final against Sunnybank where there was very little between the two sides.

To reach the final,

Redbank Plains accounted for "Churchie" — the GPS Grammar School, Bundambah, Bremer and Harristown.



Action from the Far North Coast final of the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup played on the Kadina High School ground. Andrew Vidler and Daniel Roselen, left, watch as Paul Hampson heads the ball clear for Richmond River High. On the right is the Tweed River High captain Stephen Lees. Richmond River played at their best winning 8-0.

Soccer Scholarships

The opportunity to play Soccer at the highest levels in Europe is the dream of nearly every aspiring Soccer player.

This can now come true for two lucky players courtesy of Sports Exchange Australia, a sponsor of the New South Wales Amateur Soccer Federation Ltd.

The NSWASF is offering two scholarships to players presenting them with the same opportunities but in a different part of Europe at no cost to themselves.

The players will be flown to Denmark to train with their number one club, Brøndby I.F. in March 1991 for three weeks.

This will include accommodation, par-

ticipation in the local competition with the youth team, training with the first squad and evaluation.

Players in the 14-16 year old age group interested in being considered for one of these two scholarships will need to complete the nomination form and have it forwarded to the office of the NSWASF by the closing date.

Successful applicants will be asked to attend trials and interviews to be scheduled at Parklea.

They will be examined by a special selection panel who will be responsible for making the final decision.

Ability, attitude, maturity and references will all be considered.

Nominations close on Friday 25th August.

This is regarded as an excellent opportunity for two players to further their soccer career and the NSWASF Ltd, is grateful to Sports Exchange Australia for making the scholarship available.

Summer academy to aid juniors

AGREEMENT has been reached between the NSW Coaches' Federation, NSW Amateur Soccer Federation and the State Director of Coaching for the establishment of a NSW Junior Soccer Summer Academy.

The purpose of the Academy is to improve the skills of the top juniors by taking the full train-on squad as selected for State teams (and any other players identified after that period) for coaching clinics over the summer period after the September national titles until the start of the following season.

It is felt that without the pressure of vying for selection or concentrating on team winning tactics, both players and coaches will be able to focus on

individual skills and personal development of players.

Age groups to be included are 12, 13, 14 and 15 year old players each year.

The Academy would provide a minimum of

six hours coaching per week with a probable live-in weekend once a month.

The programme would run under the supervision of the State Director of Coaching with coaching being under-

taken by the State team coach with the assistance of coaches from the NSW Coaches Federation.

All coaching will be voluntary with live-in expenses of the players met by the players themselves.



EPHING BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL: Turner Cup squad 1990: Back Row (left to right): Mike Manoukian, Tim Stratford, Darren Hoefsmit, Chris Giometti, Scott Tarrant, Sivanan Selva, Brian Raeburn (Captain), Greg Welch, Mr R. Smith (Coach-Manager). Middle: Daniel Hong, Ryan Adams, Peter Forest, Joel Organ, Darren Lacey. Front: David Burge, Mark Louis, Cameron Webb.

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Jan Stejskal, pictured here during the recent World Cup finals, now plays in England, but the move has not been welcomed by the local Players' Association.

Foreign influx worries Brits

BY ALAN BALDWIN OF REUTERS

ENGLISH players are concerned that cut-price Europeans are threatening their jobs.

Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), said they were concerned that high domestic transfer fees were encouraging clubs to look abroad.

"The clear impression is that Eastern European players are being signed purely because they are cheaper," he said.

"Lots of clubs are being approached by agents offering foreigners and we do not want places being taken by players who may not be better than their own, just cheaper."

Since the sweeping political changes in Eastern Europe, notable signings include Czechoslovak goalkeepers Ludek Miklosko at Second Division

West Ham and World Cup star Jan Stejskal at Queen's Park Rangers.

Southampton have signed two Soviet players, Sergei Gotmanov and Alexei Cherednik; while Wimbledon have Pole Detsi Kruszyński and Hungarian Zoltan Csucsansky is with Coventry.

Off the field, former Czechoslovak national coach Jozef Venglos last month became the first non-Briton to manage an English First Division club when he joined Aston Villa.

Taylor said that while he did not want 'to put up an iron curtain in reverse', he had met League and Football Association officials recently to express his members' worries.

"At the moment they are both in line with our thinking," he said.

The need is to protect domestic talent for the future."

Current English League rules state that clubs may field three non-British or non-Irish players, with the

proviso that non-European Community players need a work permit.

Work permits are usually only granted if the club can prove that there is no suitable domestic alternative.

The situation is to change in 1992 when clubs playing in European competitions will be allowed to field four non-nationals but Irish, Welsh and Scottish players in English teams will be considered as foreigners.

However, there is a residential qualification excluding a player from the restrictions after five years.

"Foreigners must be better than those players we have here or there should be no work permit," Taylor said.

He said this should limit all foreigners to the First Division since it would be hard to claim they were world class if they were not playing in the top flight.

"There has to be scope for a view from abroad but it would be bad if that trickle became a flood."

SPREE?

JOSEF Venglos warned that he will spend the \$5 million the English First Division club have set aside for team strengthening should the current squad not meet expectations.



JOSEF VENGLOS

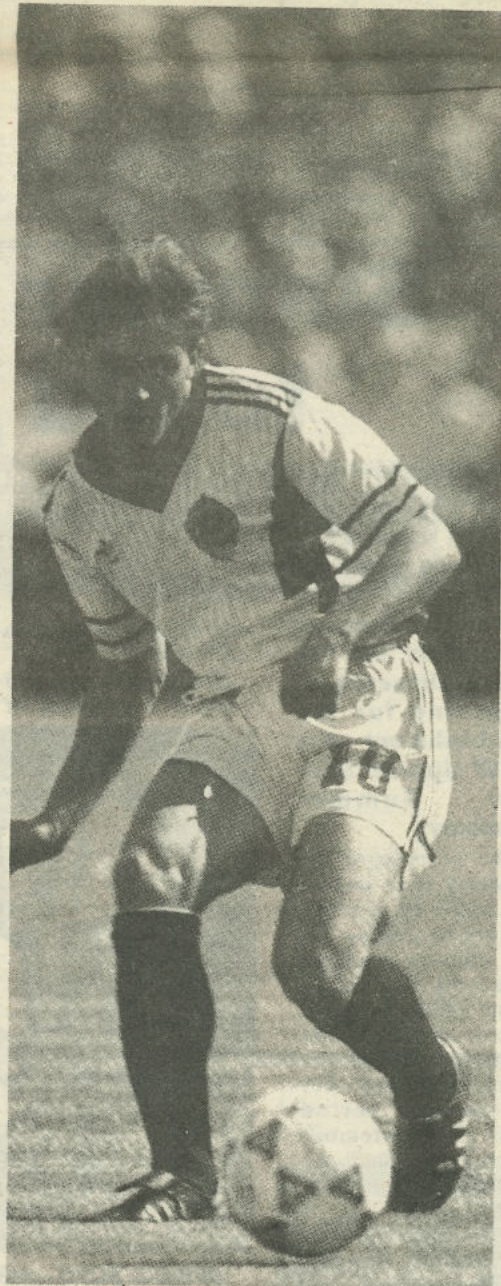
Villa finished runners-up last season, but the former Czechoslovakian boss declared: I will not hesitate to buy new players if I think I can improve the side.

"The transfer market doesn't frighten me.

"If I think we need to strengthen the side I will do so.

"I'm not here to make changes where they're not needed and coming runners-up last season was a great achievement.

"But I shall be having a real good look at the squad."



Dragan Stojkovic, Marseille's brilliant new signing from Yugoslavia, had an immediate impact in France, playing a big part in taking the club to the top of the league.

Debate over new Argentine coach

BY MARIO ETCHART

THE big debate in Argentina, today, is about who should be the new coach of the Argentine national team, once Carlos Salvador Bilardo's era comes to an end.

The opinion around the country is divided in two fronts: Bilardo followers and other whom want the return to Menotti's philosophy.

Daniel Passarella, coach of River Plate, the current local champion and ex-captain of the 1978 World Champion squad managed by Menotti, and Hector Verra ex manager of Argentine club, San Lorenzo and now at the helm of Spanish Club Cadiz are both close followers of Menotti's predicament.

In an opinion poll held by the magazine El Grafico, one of the most respected sport publications in the world, Passarella was chosen ahead of Verra with the rest of the candidates well behind the two.

But amongst the officials in charge of man-



CARLOS BILARDO

aging the national soccer structure there are those who believe that Carlos Pachame, Bilardo's assistant coach since the 1986 World Cup in Mexico should be his replacement.

And the one to inherit and continue with the system and style developed by Bilardo.

Bilardo himself supports that idea and also considered that experienced campaigners like sweeper Jose Luis Brown and midfielder Ricardo Giusti, both members of the 1986 winning team in Mexico should be part of

Pachame's coaching staff.

Meanwhile, Daniel Passarella, the most popular choice for the post continues his work as River Plate's coach in its quest of the Libertadores Cup.

River Plate recently eliminated Uruguayan Club Defensor Sporting and qualified for the quarter finals of the most prestigious South American tournament at club level.

With the beginning of the Argentine Soccer league last weekend, eight of the most experienced and influential coaches in the country are out of work.

They are: Jose Yudica, Jose Omar Pastoriza, Alfio Basile, Nito Veiga, Jose Ramos Delgado, Reynaldo Merlo, Eduardo Solari and Eduardo Manera. An incredible waste of talent.

The new look Penarol of Uruguay under the guidance of its new coach, Cesar Luis Menotti collected a victory and a defeat in its first two outings during Penarol's European tour.

The Uruguayan lost 2-1 against the mighty Spanish Champion Real Madrid at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in a very close encounter, and latter defeated Cadiz 2-0.

For the second round of the Libertadores Cup Brazil's Vasco da Gama eliminated Chilean champion, Colo Colo in Santiago after a penalty shootout which ended 5-4 in favour of the visitors.

The match ended in a 3-3 draw. Ruben Espinoza (2) and Barticciotto scored for Colo Colo while Rismarck, Roberto and Williams converted for Vasco.

The hero of the penalty shoot out was Brazilian goalkeeper Acacio who saved the last penalty executed by Chilean defender Espinoza.

Ecuadorian Champion, Barcelona also qualified for the Libertadores Cup second round after a 2-2 draw with Uruguayan champion, Progreso, at Montevideo's Centenario Stadium.

In the first leg, played in Guayaquil, Barcelona defeated Progreso 2-0.

Bryan Robson hopes to be fit very soon

ENGLAND midfield player Bryan Robson, who was sent home from the World Cup for an operation on his Achilles tendon, has high hopes of being fit for the start of the new season.

The Manchester United skipper missed all of the pre-campaign build-up, but is still optimistic of facing Coventry City at Old Trafford in the English First Division opener on August 25.

exercises should put it right," he said.

The normal recovery time for Achilles operations is six weeks.

Robson had his operation at the end of June which means he

my international future."

★★★

Paul Blades, the Derby defender transferred to Norwich, will cost his new club \$1.7 million, an independent tribunal decided.

ELTON SELLS CLUB

POP star Elton John has sold Watford soccer club to British car dealer Jack Petchey, a director of English Second Division rivals West Ham.

It's the third time in three years that John, has tried to offload his shareholding, but this time he's optimistic the sale will go through.

Under the agreement Petchey will take over as chairman and Elton, who's held that post for 14 years, will become life president.

GOETHALS SACKED

FRANCE'S struggling First Division side Bordeaux named a former player, Gernot Rohr, as their new coach.

Rohr takes over from 67-year old Belgian Raymond Goethals, who was appointed in June last year.

Bordeaux, who narrowly missed being French champions last season and will play in this season's UEFA Cup, have so far managed only two points from three games.

Bett's "no" to Forest

JIM Bett, Aberdeen's Scottish international midfielder, has pulled out of a \$1.4million move to English First Division side Nottingham Forest.

Forest manager Brian Clough flew back early from a club tour to Sweden hoping to finalise the deal, but Bett decided against the transfer after discussing it with his wife.



BRYAN ROBSON: hopes to be fit for the start of the English season this weekend.

"I believe I can still be ready for the start of season," said the 33 year-old midfielder.

It was thought that Robson may need another operation, but he said that is unlikely now.

"I have some inflammation at the bottom of my heel, but the specialist has put me on a course of tablets, which with some

will be cutting it fine.

Meanwhile, Republic of Ireland defender Kevin Moran is expected to announce his retirement from international football.

The 34 year-old Blackburn player, who has won 52 caps and played in all five of the Republic's World Cup games in Italy recently, said: "I will have a word with Jack Charlton before deciding on

Leishman walk-out

JIM Leishman quit as manager of Scottish Premier Division side Dunfermline day before he was sacked.

The 37-year-old had been asked by the club's directors to leave the team management to his colleague, Iain Munro, while he became a director and took charge of marketing and public relations.

But Leishman, who has been with Dunfermline as a player and manager for nearly 22 years, said he wanted to continue working with footballers.

"It's very sad," he added.

"At another time, the thought of a directorship of this club would have been wonderful.

"But this is not the time. I want to continue as coach."



Paraguayan international Roberto Cabanas (left) in action for Lyon against Didier Deschamps, of Bordeaux, in a recent French league game. Lyon are off to a good start, but Bordeaux' early form has been mediocre.

New honcho for USA

ALAN Rothenberg, architect of the successful soccer tournament at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, has pledged that a priority task as new head of the US Soccer Federation will be a complete review of plans for the 1994 World Cup.

Rothenberg issued his statement after beating incumbent Werner Fricker by a surprisingly large margin in an election to choose a USSF president to guide the organisation through the next World Cup to be held in the United States.

He became a last-minute candidate at the encouragement of FIFA which had grown dissatisfied with Fricker, especially over the USSF's lack of progress in working out television and marketing deals for the World Cup.

Rothenberg's victory prompted the third candidate, Paul Stiehl, to accuse FIFA of trying to take over the USSF.

The 'New York Times' quoted FIFA chief press officer Guido Tognoni as acknowledging that he telephoned Stiehl shortly before the election in Orlando, Florida, to urge him to withdraw and switch

his support to Rothenberg.

"We did not see progress with Werner Fricker," Tognoni was quoted as saying.

"We did not want to interfere. On the other hand, we could not ignore the fact that Fricker did not want to take our advice."

Fricker had often rebuffed FIFA offers of assistance in handling the World Cup, saying the US Federation could be run without outside help.

FIFA had also expressed exasperation at the lack of development of a top-class professional league in the United States.

Rothenberg, a Los Angeles attorney, said one of his first jobs would be to review all World Cup plans to date, including programmes of the World Cup '94 Organising Committee headed by Scott LeTellier.

LeTellier, a fellow Californian attorney,

worked with Rothenberg on the 1984 Olympic soccer tournament which attracted a total attendance of 1.4 million spectators.

As president of the Organising Committee, LeTellier is responsible for arranging the sites for the World Cup, the television and media facilities,

and awarding marketing and television rights in the United States.

FIFA has separate responsibility for awarding international television rights and international sponsors.

So far it has indicated satisfaction with LeTellier, who expects to award US television rights later this year.

AROUND THE WORLD

- Diego Maradona's brother, Hugo, will play for Rapid in Austria later this year.
- Spanish clubs have not splurged on the international transfer market this season. The only three major buys have been Austrian Gerhard Rodax to Atletico Madrid, Romanian Gheorghe Hagi to Real and Bulgarian Stoichkov to Barcelona.
- Former Polish national coach Antoni Piechniczek has left Tunisia to take over top United Arab Emirates club Al Shabab Al Arabic.
- Pierre Littbarski could hang up his boots to take over as manager of FC Koln next year.
- Pele will celebrate his 50th birthday in London on October 23 when Brazil plays England in a friendly international at Wembley.
- Carlos Alberto, captain of Brazil's 1970 World Cup-winning team and a player of the New York Cosmos in the late 70s and early 80s, is likely to be on the US national team's 1994 World Cup technical staff.

Bayern Munich to win Bundesliga yet again

BARELY a month after West Germany won the World Cup, the last Bundesliga season in its present form got underway a fortnight ago.

Next year, the first phase of an integrated German League, with the inclusion of two clubs from East Germany's Oberliga, will start.

Already a large slice of East German talent has been snapped up by clubs in the West and as if to underline the differences between East and West, Bundesliga clubs have spent like never before in the close season transfer market.

Leading the way were mighty Bayern Munich, who look all but certain to clinch their third title in a row and their 13th in all, having spent \$10 million on strengthening what was already the strongest team.

Their main outlay has been on Danish striker Brian Laudrup, younger brother of Michael, from Bayer Uerdingen for \$5 million.

But they have bought midfielder Steffen Effenberg from Borussia Moenchengladbach and Michael Sternkopf from SC Karlsruhe, both for in excess \$2.6 million.

Competition for places is so intense that Scottish international striker Allan McInally and Yugoslav counterpart Raddy Mihajlovic will probably leave the club.

Defender Klaus Augenthaler, a key figure in the World Cup side, said: "This season, the Thursday matches between the first team and the reserves is going to be harder than the League game on a Saturday."

Manager Uli Hoeness added: "We've got the best team we've ever had, even better than in the days of Beckenbauer, Breitner, Muller, Maier and Rummenigge."

"We've got 20 players all of more or less the same calibre and

all capable of holding down a place in the First Division."

Bayern may concentrate this season on the European Champions' Cup, which it has not won since the last of three straight wins in 1976, particularly as it has financed a spending spree with a massive bank loan.

Hoeness is adamant, though.

"Until now we've never spent more than we had in our account, but the time has come to follow the lead of the big Italian clubs and spend money which you can earn back during the season."

"Bayern is a good proposition and I'm sure we'll have paid it all back by the end of the year."

FOOTNOTE: For all their might, Bayern Munich started the 1990/91 season by being eliminated in the first round of the Cup by amateur Third Division side Weinheim!

English clubs will take fans to the Continent

ENGLISH clubs Manchester United and Aston Villa are planning to take a small party of fans back into Europe for their first round matches next month.



United play Pecsi Munkas in Hungary for the first leg of their Cup Winners' Cup tie on September 19 and Villa visit Czechoslovakian side Banik Ostrava for the first leg of their UEFA Cup tie the same week.

When they were given the go-ahead to end the five year exile of English clubs from Europe, it was decided no fans would be officially allowed to travel but now the Football Association backs a change of policy because it feels some would travel regardless.

Villa secretary Steve Stride says the Association feels it is better for carefully checked fans to go in an organised party rather than just

anyone.

Those who do go officially will have to be members of a recognised travel club and will be vetted.

Villa are likely to take some 300 supporters to Czechoslovakia, United perhaps twice that number to Hungary.

The FA's Security Advisor Len Walker will advise both clubs on security arrangements.

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PAUL McGRATH — voted by Irish fans as their World Cup team's best player.

SUPER CUP

THIS year's European Super Cup will be an all-Italian affair as Italian clubs last season won the all three European club competitions.

The Super Cup, contested by the winners of the Champions' and Cup-Winners' Cup will be between AC Milan and Sampdoria this year.

The first leg will be played on October 10 in Genoa, and the return match is in Milan on November 29.

Svensson's Swedish job

TOMMY Svensson is the new coach of the Swedish national team.

The 45 year-old Swedish World Cup finals player, has been coaching Tromso in Norway for the past two seasons.

Svensson, who played 41 times for Sweden, replaces Olle Nordin, who was sacked after Sweden's mediocre results at Italia '90.

Sweden won't have to qualify for the next European Championships as Euro-92 will be held in their country.



English fans sue

BRITAIN'S former sports minister Colin Moynihan is facing legal action after discrediting a group of England supporters deported from the world cup in Italy as football's effluent tendency.

Craig Brewin, chairman of the Football Supporters Association, says a letter from the

association's lawyers will be sent to Moynihan demanding an apology from him and compensation.

Some 237 Britons deported during the World Cup finals after a police round-up in Rimini on June 25 had their deportation orders and all charges against them dropped by the Italian authorities two weeks ago.



Hungarian ace Lajos Detari (ex-Olympiakos) decked in the Bologna colours after signing with the Italian club.



Danish ace Andersson — transferred from Anderlecht, of Belgium, to FC Koln in one of the major deals of the West German Bundesliga off-season.

Arsenal won't part with their Irish hero

REPUBLIC of Ireland penalty hero David O'Leary has had a \$1.8 million price tag slapped on him as Arsenal attempt to ward off a host of interested clubs.

Leeds, Derby and Manchester City have all had bids of around \$950,000 rejected and now Crystal Palace have joined the hunt for the 32 year-old defender.

Should Palace fail to land him they are ex-

pected to turn their attentions to Millwall's Alan McLeary, who was recently transfer-listed at his own request, for \$1.7 million.

Arsenal manager George Graham wants to keep long-serving O'Leary despite a holiday row last month.

Graham who has now patched up his differences with the Irishman, said: "There's no reason for David to go and I expect him to be with the squad at the start of the season."